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## AROUND THE GLOBE.

The "Leader," of San Francisco, has discovered a reporter on the "Call" of that city who is the banner blunderer in describing Catholic Church ceremonies. This reporter was at the San Francisco Cathedral on the feast of the Assumption, and he told the readers of his paper on the following day that "at Solemn Benediction the Archbishop besprinkled the altars and blessed the holy rituals with incense."

Mr. D. A. Whelton, who succeeds the late Mayor Collins, of Boston, is the youngest man ever to hold the office in that city, being but thirty-three years of age. Quite an honor, indeed, but it is not all the honor attaching to the fact. He is also a product of the Catholic parochial school. Catholic parents who are given to unjust criticism of such institutions of learning are asked to bear the fact in mind.

Professor John Swynnerton Phillimore, whose reception into the Catholic Church in England was announced some weeks ago, is well known as a man of the most brilliant attainments; and at Oxford, where he graduated only ten years ago (for he is still quite a young man), he was reputed by far the most distinguished scholor of his day. The university honors attained by him included a first class in classical moderations and in the Final School of Literae Humaniories; the Hartford, Craven and Ireland scholarships, and the chancellor's prize for Latin verse; a senior studentship (or fellowship) at Christ Church, where he was a tutor, for three years, and finally the professorship of Greek at Glasgow University, which he obtained in 1899, when he was only six and twenty. He is a first cousin of the well-known judge of the High Court, Sir Walter Phillimore, Bart.

It is said that the enrollment of the four parochial schools of Dunkirk, N. Y., exceeds the total registration in the public schools of that city.

Rev. William D. Hickey, of Dayton, Ohio, the eldest of five brothers in the priesthood in the Cincinnati diocese, recently observed the silver jubilee of his ordination.

The Sisters of Mercy of Hartford, Conn., are going to move their motherhouse and seminary to Hamilton Heights, a suburb of that city, where they will erect a new convent costing $300,000.

Cardinal Satolli, Prefect of the Congregation of Studies, has just received the information that the Catholic Bishops in Holland have decided to erect a University in Amsterdam and have obtained the sanction of the government to the project. The new University will be on the same plan as that at Louvain in Belgium.

One of the pianos donated to the recent Diamond Festival, New Orleans, as an "ugly man's" prize has fortunately found its way permanently to the Newsboys' Home. The winner has presented it to that institution through its chaplain, Rev. A. C. Ports, S.J.

A Catholic child-placing bureau has been organized in Chicago to watch over Catholic children who come under the juvenile and other courts of similar powers in Chicago. The bureau will cover the State. In the former court Rev. C. J. Quille will represent the diocese.

A Judge in Massachusetts is reported to have declared from the bench that "One convent of the Good Shepherd nuns is of greater value to civilization than ten social settlements, although it may not advertise so much." And the Judge is in a position to know whereof he speaks.—Southern Messenger.

It may interest readers who may not have seen Edinburgh to know that Holyrood House, where the King held a Court, is attached to an ancient though now dismantled Abbey formerly belonging to the Canons Regular of St. Augustine. In old days, ere John Knox was raised up to destroy faith, morality, and art, the Kings of Scotland were practically the guests of the Austin Canons.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, New South Wales, was solemnly consecrated September 2nd, and on the following day was held the first public session of the Third Plenary Council of Australia.

Father Netzhammer, rector of the Greek College in Rome, has been appointed by the Holy Father Archbishop of Roumania. He is a Benedictine.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

### The Ohio Political Situation

[Special to The Journal]

Considerable comment has been created over the activity of the Anti-Saloon League and certain extreme religious elements in the Ohio campaign this year. A great deal of this comment is unfavorable, even abusive, but a little reflection will convince the reflector that this activity is perfectly proper and consistent. These people stand for temperance, if they stand for anything, temperance, in their case, meaning not a temperate use of liquors but a total prohibition for all, even to the point of legal compulsion. The part that these religious extremists are taking in politics is not to be wondered at. It is nothing new, but only a more violent manifestation of an old disease. They have been in politics from the beginning of this government, and Catholics especially have been made to feel at all times the dire effect of their contemptible methods. For years, after the formation of the government, a Catholic could not even think of obtaining a nomination for an office. When Catholics became more numerous it was felt necessary, occasionally, to grant them some minor nominations, but the man so nominated was invariably defeated, even if the rest of his ticket was successful. Occasionally some lucky nominee managed to squeeze through, and even at the present day a Catholic, though elected, rarely receives his full party vote.

What these religious fanatics have done against Catholics individually in the several states, they carried out on a larger scale against the Church at the national capitol. To them is attributable the breaking up of the contract school system, and the loss to the church of $300,000 annually of the appropriations made for many years for the Catholic Indian Schools. Not content with this they forced through Congress numerous amendments intended to embarrass these schools still further. Winter before last, however, they met with the first severe check, when President Roosevelt gave the use of $98,000 of the Indian Tribal Funds to the Catholic Indian Missions. This he could do in accordance with a law giving the President full discretion in the use of those funds. In addition to this Congress passed a Rations Amendment giving to the Catholic Indian Schools $36,000 more. A hue and cry was raised all over the country over this action of Congress and of the President, and the fanatical cohorts met in strong force in Washington last winter for the purpose of intimidating Congress to strike the law, so offensive to them, from the Statute Books. But the glorious days of the A.P.A.'s were evidently over, for they met with another stinging defeat. One more, and probably the last, effort will be made this coming winter against the Catholic Indian Mission Schools. While the outcome is in doubt, it is not considered at all probable that they will succeed.

Now, this is the element that is waging war against Governor Herrick this year, a war, which to an outsider, looks positively disgraceful. And this is the same element that has made life so pleasant to Catholics in Ohio during the time of the A.P.A.'s. The question naturally suggests itself, whether Catholics can afford to ally themselves with these pestiferous agitators, and at the coming election, help them pull the political chestnuts out of the fire. Governor Herrick has been repeatedly represented as a weak man, but he evidently had back-bone enough to withstand the demands of a lot of agitators who, he must have known at the time, would be able to raise an awful fog if he failed to do their bidding. The fog has been realized but that is about all that has so far emanated from that side.

Another matter of regret is that the great Democratic party should choose to hang on to the coat-tails of these fellows, with the evident expectation of capturing the political citadel under cover of the aforesaid fog. But the Democrats have, of late, become somewhat careless about their associates. In Nebraska they have the Populists for bed-fellows, so we need not be surprised at the company they keep in Ohio.

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## Five Minute Sermon

### Healing of the Son of the Ruler of Capharnaum.

Jesus worked this miracle in the city of Cana in Galilee, where He had converted water into wine. The ruler was from Capharnaum, which is situated at the northwestern side of the Lake of Genesareth, many miles distant from Cana. Capharnaum was a city loved by the Divine Teacher, and one which He had made famous by many miracles.

When Christ rebuked the man saying: "Unless you see signs and wonders you believe not," He did this to show the ruler the imperfection of his faith, for if he really believed that Christ was true God he would have known that a simple act of His all-powerful will was sufficient to cure his dying son; and that it was not necessary for the sick son to be present in person. This reproof was given, however, not only to him, but also to all who thought like him, and whose faith was as imperfect as his was.

The lesson we should desire is first to learn how useful trials and afflictions are to lead us to God. Secondly, we are to admire the goodness of God in bearing with our imperfections when we pray to Him; and lastly, like that ruler, we are to lead our neighbor, at least by our good example, to the knowledge of God and to the faithful observance of His holy law.

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### GENESEO.

Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid of Rochester, confirmed a large class at St. Mary's church in this village on Monday last at 11 o'clock. He was assisted by Rev. James A. Hickey of Rochester, as deacon and Rev. M. Kriebel of Dansville, as sub-deacon. The class numbered 86, 43 from Piffard and Retsof, and 43 from this village. There were 13 adults and 73 children. In addressing the class Bishop McQuaid, exhorted them to remain steadfast communicants of Holy Mother church, and administered the total abstinence pledge in which the children promised to abstain from all kinds of intoxicating beverages till they reach the age of twenty-one years. He also spoke against football and said it was a brutal sport, and wished the children to strive to attain higher ideals. Rev. Wm. T. Dunn of Dansville gave benediction. The following priests, besides those mentioned above, were the guests of the pastor of the church, Rev. A. A. Hughes: Rev. Owen P. Farron of Avon, Rev. P. A. Neville of East Bloomfield and Rev. H. A. Crowley of Craig Colony.

A harvest festival and dance was held at St. Mary's hall, on Wednesday evening of this week, under the auspices of the married people of St. Mary's church. Supper was served in the dining rooms of the hall and an enjoyable time was had by all who were present.

Rev. A. A. Hughes had a busy day on Sunday last. He heard confessions at Piffard before he celebrated the nine o'clock mass at that place; celebrated the 11 o'clock mass at Geneseo at 3 p.m. had services at the County Home; catechism at 4 o'clock; at 4:30 p.m. instructions to the confirmation class, and from 6 heard confessions of those who where to be confirmed at 7:30 rosary, litany and benediction.

Died, on the 18th inst., Mrs. Bridget McGuire, aged 92 years. For several years the deceased made her home with her sister-in-law, Mrs. B. McGivney on North St., where she died. Deceased was one of the oldest residents of this town, coming to this country when quite young. She leaves surviving a brother in Ireland. The funeral services were held from St. Mary's church, last Friday morning at 10 o'clock Rev. A. A. Hughes officiating.

Edward C. Cullinan of New York city, was in town this week on business.

### CALEDONIA.

Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid of Rochester administered the sacrament of confirmation to a large class of children at St. Columba church last Sunday, Rev. Dr. Meehan of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rev. Father Lovecam Jr. of St. Joseph church Rochester, also the pastor, Rev. G. J. Rieler assisted. After confirmation the children took the pledge.

The retreat given here last week by Rev. Father Lovecamp was one of the most successful ever given. A large number received the sacraments.

A fair for the benefit of St. Columba church will be held during Thanksgiving week.

Mrs. William Marvin of Michigan, who has been visiting her parents at Fairport, was a guest over Sunday at the home of her cousin, Mrs. J. D. Donahue. Her little son, James J. Hartley Marvin was confirmed with the class here.

### SHORTSVILLE.

Mrs. M. Shaw and grand daughter, Ruth, are visiting relatives at Oswego.

A class of seven girls and eight boys received their fraternal communion last Sunday.

Miss Loretta Murphy of Manlius, was the guest of Mrs. C. Broomfield over Sunday.

Arrangements are being made by St. Dominic Society to hold a bowling party at Manchester Nov. 22nd.

Mr. Frank Russell of Rochester spent Sunday here, the guest of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fraser celebrated their first wedding anniversary Thursday the 19th.

## A GREAT INSTITUTION

### CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA AND ITS NOBLE MISSION.

**By Its Birth the Church in This Country Assumed Her Proper Position as the Leader in the Effort For the Higher Intellectual Life.**

For the first time in its history the Catholic University of America this year opened its doors to undergraduate students. It promises to be interesting. The better part of the American Catholic public is assured that the university, whether the undergraduate experiment be successful or not, will be successful. That is settled. The administrations of Mgr. Conaty and Mgr. O'Connell upon the vital foundations laid by Mgr. Keane have produced the expected results.

There was an anxious moment when the present archbishop of Dubuque left the university, calmly, obediently, to take up other duties, less important perhaps, but not less honorable. There was another anxious moment when the trustees and the Holy Father chose a new rector, famed for his successes among the masses, but without experience in the direction of higher institutions of learning. Those among us who knew that the university, blessed by the Holy Father, erected as the first Catholic institution devoted exclusively to postgraduate work in the United States, held the hope of the future, knew that its failure meant a fearful loss of prestige for the Catholic Church in this country. A like tremor of anxiety passed through the mind when Mgr. O'Connell was chosen rector. The doubts have been unworthy.

The university had been practically called into being by Bishop Spalding. The blessing of the Holy Father had been asked, by the hierarchy of the United States upon the work. The Sovereign Pontiff had not only consented to the creation of the Catholic University of America, but he had cordially approved of it. In fact, the university became his special and beloved work. The laity co-operated nobly, and the people of the United States, of all denominations, saw with respect and some even with sympathy the rising of the university.

There was no question as to the respect in which the world held the new institution, because it was felt that the tremendous force of the Catholic Church was behind it. If the university should fail the test had been made. The Catholic Church in the United States could not be regarded as of the intellectual strength her adherents claimed. The non-Catholic opinion in our country admitted that she could control the common people. She was a vast police force. She made heaven and hell more real to the populace than any other denomination. She was the ruler of the domestic servant and the railroad laborer. She was ready to keep the poor from anarchy and to prevent the laborer seeking relief in spoliation.

Except among the utterly bigoted and ignorant there was no question of all this. In America she had gone after the orphans—as she was [illegible] to do [illegible] the children of immigrants. She [illegible] solidly for morality by establishing parochial schools at all sacrifices, but the higher education [illegible] done. The time of trial [illegible] was thought, had not been given [illegible] religious orders—notably the Jesuits and as far as circumstances permitted the Christian Brothers—had provided for collegiate education. But as yet nothing had been done under the guidance of the Church to encourage the higher intellectual activity.

But when the foundations of the university were laid the Church in this country threw down a gage of battle to the materialistic world, whose watchword had that in proportion as [illegible] material country an institution for the stirring of the higher intellectual life the Catholic Church had [illegible] trained her competitors.

The ideal could not be realized [illegible]. That was understood.

But it was no less clearly understood that the Church had assumed [illegible] a leader of thought.

At one bound the Church took her place in the van of progress.

The Catholics of this country [illegible] realize what has been accomplished by the establishment of the Catholic university. They have given freely for its support. But they have not [illegible] all that deep personal interest in it which it merits and which it will [illegible] at a later [illegible]. Boston Republic.

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### Rev. Dr. Pascal.

Rev. Francis A. Pascal, D. D., who has been stationed here [illegible] dean of the Cathedral college, [illegible] deceased by Archbishop Quigley [illegible] Chicago, was born in Chicago in 1873 and received his primary education in the public schools. His classical education was acquired at St. [illegible] in Atchison, Kan. Rev. Father Pascal spent five years at St. [illegible] Maryland. He was ordained to the priesthood [illegible] and five years at present [illegible] Quincy parish, Pittsburg. [illegible] Westmount seminary. He was [illegible] Rome, where he was granted the degree of doctor of divinity.

### The St. Louis Cathedral.

His great Archbishop [illegible] son, head of the archdiocese of St. Louis, who has been abroad for [illegible] months, returned recently [illegible] with him plans for the rebuilding of the $1,000,000 cathedral. He visited [illegible] in Paris and Berlin for the purpose and states that the cathedral [illegible] St. Louis will be one of the most imposing in the country.

### SISTINE CHAPEL RESTORED.

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