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Centennial.

Notable centenary celebrations of interest to American Catholics are booked to occur this year.

New York, the archdiocese of the province in which our diocese of Rochester is included, intends to mark its centenary by a notable celebration.

Of course, Bishop McQuaid will be present if his health permits.

The venerable bishop of Rochester has seen one and two bishops consecrated for each of the dioceses in the New York province since his own elevation and has assisted in the consecration ceremonies of each.

Age and numbers have changed materially the standing and esteem in which the Catholic Church was held when Father Connean was elevated to the bishopric of New York in 1808.

What will be our position in 1908? Who can tell to what heights the Church will soar in this Western hemisphere.

Had No Ideal Our esteemed contemporary, the "Catholic Mirror," of Baltimore, puts the difference between Catholic news in the secular dailies and in the Catholic papers so neatly in the following paragraphs that we commend them to such of our readers as imagine that all the Catholic news necessary can be found in the afore-said dailies:

A day or two ago we were approached by a friend with the startling announcement that a certain Baltimore daily (one of the best) had just published the late decree of the Holy Father "concerning sponsalia (engagements) and matrimony."

"You see," continued this friend, "one can find such news in the dailies sooner than one can in the Catholic weekly. Now you can't possibly publish it before Saturday—three or four days after the whole city knows about it."

"But we don't intend to publish it, madame."

"You don't!"

"No, madame."

"May I ask why?" says this astonished friend, who, by the way, is not a subscriber; but who is always willing to accept a few copies when they contain anything of special interest.

"You may," we replied. "Our principal reason for not publishing it again is that we have already published it. You will find it in full in our issue of September 14, 1907—some four months ago."

"Oh!" exclaims the lady. "It is true, madame," we asseverate. "Furthermore, you will find in the same issue, a communication from our Roman correspondent, in which the famous decree is explained and dated upon; in fact, you will find therein a practical history of the decree and its probable consequences."

"Still, furthermore, you will find the decree, with editorial comment and interesting sidelights, in three-fourths of the Catholic papers, published some time in the latter part of September—also four months ago."

"Well, I beg your pardon," said the lady. "You see, I had no idea—"

"Of course you hadn't," we replied, with gentle irony.

And the moral is: That people who fail to subscribe seldom have any idea!

Was Ready.

An impressive lesson is conveyed in the following press despatch: The Hon. D. J. Hennessy, the Catholic millionaire mine-owner of Butte, Mont., died suddenly in that city on January 27.

Mr. Hennessy was found dying in the street. He had been to early Mass, as was his daily custom, and was stricken with heart disease not far from the church.

Who of us can tell whether the dread Reaper will not come to us as suddenly? We know not that we will have even a moment for preparation, for putting our affairs in order, for making peace with God?

Mr. Hennessy's example of daily attendance upon Mass is a good one to emulate by those who can. But those who are unable to assist at Mass daily can approach the Sacraments often and thus be in a state of grace, ready to welcome our Lord whenever it pleases Him to call us hence.

Noted List.

Kenyon College, a little institution in Ohio, near Mt. Vernon, has furnished many notable converts to the Catholic Church, although it was founded by Bishop Chase, of the Episcopal church, whose sister, by the way, was Sister Mary Frances de Sales Chase, a visitation nun.

Seannell O'Neill, in the "Rosary Magazine" gives a list of American convert sons, including Commodore Benjamin Franklin Bache, 1801-1881, for several years professor of natural science at Kenyon; the Very Rev. Father Fidelis (Dr. James Kent Stone), now provincial of the Passionists in the Eastern Province of the United States, president of Kenyon a short time before his conversion; the Rt. Rev. Sylvester Horton Rosecrans, D. D., first bishop of Columbus, O., and his brother, Major General William Stark Rosecrans, one of the heroes of the civil war; Henry Livingston Richards, for years an Episcopal minister, father of the distinguished Jesuit, the Rev. Joseph Havens Richards; William Richards, brother of Henry, a well known lawyer in the national capital, author of "The Road to Rome"; Congressman Frank Hurd; the Hon. Thomas Marshall, judge of the circuit court of Utah, and the Hon. Edward Simeral, of Omaha.

Hot Shots.

Secretary Taft has been giving a few hot shots to the bigots who did not know how highly Judge Taft has come to think of the work of the Catholic Church in the Philippines.

Recently, Mr. Taft was a prominent guest at a banquet in Philadelphia. The chairman, who is a prominent business man and at the same time a noted Anglo-Saxon Presbyterian said in introducing Taft: "We want Mr. Taft to tell us all about those unfortunate people who knew so little of Christianity until recent years—the poor benighted Filipinos."

He went on with the usual twaddle about Anglo-Saxon civilization and American religious ideas being a great blessing to the unfortunate Islanders.

"When Secretary Taft rose he looked rather amused and said: 'Gentlemen, when I look at the card I see I was put down to talk on the Economic Conditions in the Philippines. Now unless I am mistaken the chairman desires me to talk on a very different question. I will address myself to the subject assigned me, but before doing so, I want to make it clear that I don't share the expressed views of your chairman on the subject to which he alluded. I hope you will not overlook the fact that Christianity was introduced into those far distant islands about 800 years ago; and then Secretary Taft went on to pay a tribute to the Spanish Friars for their great work.'

The faces of some of those present and particularly of the distinguished

chairman, were a study during Secretary Taft's opening words.

Secretary of War Taft is not mindful of the debt owed to the Catholic Church in the Philippines. The Congressional Committee on Insular Affairs recommended that \$363,000 be allowed for damage to church buildings by United States troops in the occupation of the Islands. The Church claimed \$2,500,000. Secretary Taft told the committee that the United States would get off cheaply if it paid the church \$720,000 or, at least, \$500,000.

According to the Rome correspondent of the "Catholic Universe," Pope Pius X was daily receiving delegations and attending to all necessary Papal affairs, during the recent period that secular correspondents were telling their readers "the Pope is ill unto death." Truly Roman news is fearfully and wonderfully manufactured!

Peculiar, is it not, that Frank S. Black should pose in New York as a staunch advocate of Governor Hughes and in Boston as a virulent hater of President Roosevelt?

Rev. William H. Sloan, for thirty-five years a minister of the Baptist Church and for the past twenty-three years a missionary of that church in Mexico, has become a convert to the Catholic Church.

Says the "Northwestern Chronicle," "We very much fear that in most American cities a list of the fallen-away Catholics would greatly exceed a list of the converts. We have seen a partial list of 'ought-to-be Catholics,' made from among the German-Americans of a single Western city. There were fifty names, and their aggregate wealth was seventy millions.

The "Catholic Standard and Times" pays respects gently to the fashionable clergy as follows: "A Presbyterian clergyman of this city has 'accepted a call' to a fashionable church in Washington, D. C. In the breaking of the painful fact of the separation to his late congregation he expressed the belief that it was God's will that another should carry on the work he had been doing, although the choice lay with himself. This is carrying the predestination idea out to the bitter end with a golden finish."

A Boston correspondent has written to the "Saturday Review," of London, as follows: "The greatest and most conservative of the New England publishing houses accepted for publication an elementary spelling book for use in the public schools. One of the early lessons consisted of these two sentences: 'To-morrow will be Christmas Day. On that day Christ was born.' When it reached the printing house the last three words were underlined, and the following comment appended in the margin: 'Jews will object to bringing this in. Besides, the fact that Christ was born on 25th December is not established.' The objection was considered to be well taken, and as it went to the press the words 'Christ was born' were changed into 'we always go to visit our grandmother!'"

When P. T. Barnum was at the head of his "great moral show" it was his rule to send complimentary tickets to clergymen, and the custom is continued to this day. Not long ago, after the Rev. Dr. Walker succeeded to the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Hawks, in Hartford, there came to the parsonage, addressed to Dr. Hawks, tickets for the circus, with the compliments of the famous showman. Dr. Walker studied the tickets for a moment and then remarked: "Dr. Hawks is dead and Mr. Barnum is dead; evidently they haven't met."

The "Sacred Heart Review" turns from things theological to things mundane in this paragraph: "With all due respect to the makers and mixers and bakers and sellers of special breakfast dishes, we submit that the breakfast mood is more important to the average family than the breakfast food."

Bishop Hendrick to Arrive in City Saturday.

Bishop Thomas A. Hendrick will probably arrive in Rochester Saturday. Eugene J. Dwyer received a telegram from Bishop Hendrick from Chicago stating that he would arrive in the city probably Saturday, and would wire later on which train to expect him.

At a meeting of the Irremovable rectors of the Archdiocese of Chicago the following were chosen as candidates for the new Diocese of Rockford: Right Rev. P. J. Muldoon, Auxiliary Bishop; Rev. Dr. Edmund M. Dunne, chancellor; Rev. Edward A. Kelly, pastor of St. Anne's Church and chairman of the Diocesan Board.

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NEW HEALTH INSTITUTION. Sanitarium and Turkish Bath Held Open House.

After Months of Constant Vigilance the Doors of the New Sanitarium and Bath Were Opened on Wednesday Afternoon.

Long before the coming of the phrase, "Do it for Rochester," several of its citizens had already put their shoulders to the wheel and were busily engaged in pushing on toward completion the new Turkish bath and sanitarium at 44-46 North Fitzhugh Street, which on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday welcomed the ladies and gentlemen of Rochester and vicinity to the new health institution.

Just what this means to the city of Rochester cannot be estimated in a minute. In fact there are few who know the vast resources of such an institution as is now within the boundaries of our city.

Heretofore Rochester enjoyed the Turkish bath in name only—and for more than a year has been without the name. But hereafter Rochester will have added to its claim of a first-class city, one of the most modern and finest appointed sanitariums and Turkish bath houses in the United States—for the accommodation of both ladies and gentlemen, affording a daily service to both.

This is but one of the many new features that will be introduced in the institution.

In older days the ladies had one day a week set apart for them when they might take advantage of the bath. Now the lady who desires a bath may go any day in the week, Sunday excepted, and enjoy the benefits thereof. And in so doing she may do so with the assurance that she has all the privacy that it is possible to purchase, the ladies department being entirely separate from that of the men, the management having practically constructed two bath houses beneath the one roof with two separate entrances.

The problem of the erection of a combination sanitarium and bath is a matter of no small moment. It was therefore necessary to spend some time and money in the inspection of those already built and in operation. After visiting several of the better class the building committee decided to adopt the plans and general lines of Battle Creek, but to improve on their errors. Accordingly plans were drawn and construction begun and activity has been the watchword. To say that a long felt want had been supplied in the opening of the new sanitarium and bath is but a mild conclusion to what may be termed one of Rochester's greatest needs.

The sanitarium feature of the bath will of course be new to most Rochesterians for the reason that nothing of its kind was ever introduced here. This branch of the business will be under the directorship of Frank W.

Maloney, M. D., of West Avenue, a practicing physician of many years' standing in Rochester. He has given much of his time and assistance in the completion and appointment of the sanitarium and bath.

The masseurs and rubbers who have been employed are from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, which speaks in a word their ability to give the patron the service they pay for. As this is another of the things done for Rochester it now behooves Rochester to support it.

World's Finest Fruit. A Discussion by a British Society Gives the Palm to Nectarines. An interesting discussion in the British Royal Horticultural Society a few years ago as to what was the finest fruit in the world ended by giving the palm to a certain yellow nectarine raised from a peach by the late Francis Rivers. Next to this, perhaps, comes a properly ripened greengage, one of the best varieties of the plum, of which this year there are such plentiful crops. The greengage came into Europe by way of Italy, and from Italy was brought to France early in the sixteenth century by the

wife of Francis I., in whose honor it received the name of Reine-Claude, by which it is still widely known. Soon afterwards it was introduced into England from Italy, under the old Italian name Verdoch, and about the same time from France. The latter importation, however, came with lost labels to a family of prominent English amateur horticulturists of that day, named Gage, from whom the fruit received its present name.

A Family School. Probably in no other State in the Union does a big ranch constitute a district, a family the members of a school board, and the son of the family the only pupil in the school district. Such conditions exist on the Woods ranch, formerly known as the Seventy ranch, near Hardin, Col. The president of the school board is Chas. Allyn, manager of the ranch; the secretary is his wife, and the treasurer a young woman living in the home, and the pupil of the school the 3-year-old son of the Allyns.

Boer in Mexico. According to the government reports the Boers in Mexico are exceedingly prosperous and are showing themselves splendid agriculturists, while fresh groups are constantly arriving from South Africa.

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