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Catholic Congress.

One of the important Catholic gatherings of the year will be the Missionary Congress to be held in Chicago on November 15th and 16th...

It is expected that several hundred bishops and priests will be in attendance and on November 15th these will be assigned in the Chicago churches where they will celebrate Mass and preach.

The subjects for papers for the Congress cover all the field of missions. They include the following: Catholic Colonization, Foreign Missions, Indian Missions, Missions of Non-Catholics, Deaf Mutes, Circulation of Catholic Truth, The Layman's Opportunity, Obstacles to be Surmounted, the Parish and Missions, Home Missions in the Cities, the Mission College, Catechism in the Churchless Missions, the Unconquered Idea, Negro Missions, Church Extension, the Missionary Organ, Organizing for the Future Missions as a Unifier.

The list of those invited to prepare papers include: Bishop Carroll, Mgr. Freri, Rev. John Williams, Rev. W. H. Ketcham, Very Rev. A. P. Doyle, Rev. Dr. William F. McGinnis, Rev. R. F. Flynn, Rev. Timothy Dempsey, St. Louis; Rev. James B. Curry, New York; Rev. Dr. A. E. Burke, Canada; Rev. J. E. Burke, New York; Hon. A. V. D. Watterson, Nicholas Conner. Later on the list of preachers will be given out. The Society has secured some of the most brilliant speakers in the country.

How about It?

In the issue before election the "American Citizen"; of Boston (A.P.A.) has this weighty utterance:

Will This Be An Exception? In every instance in history where the pope has given his "blessing" to man or enterprise, it has brought disaster to its recipient. He has blessed Taft's nomination. Will this prove an exception to the rule?

Wonder how the editor feels since election.

Well Bryan may go to the Senate which is more than may be said of Thomas C. Platt.

Why this anxiety to abandon the municipal hospital on Waring road upon which the city has spent so much money?

Thanksgiving day is at hand.

Profanity.

The non-Catholic Jersey City "Journal", commenting on the annual "Holy Name celebration" had this to say:

"Apart from the religious character of the Holy Name demonstration, a matter exceedingly creditable so all who took part in it Sunday and to the Roman Catholic Church, there was a civic aspect to the rally in which all good citizens, regardless of denominational preferences, must take a wholesome pride.

A procession of 15,000 men to West Side Park, not to mention tens of thousands of others who turned out in cities throughout the State in protest against blasphemy and profanity, was a spectacle which bodes well for Church and State alike. Profanity is such a vulgar and useless thing that a great, concerted movement on the part of good citizens to check it and brand it with public odium marks a distinct gain for decency and Christian civilization.

"And that this protest against, vices of the tongue is proving effective there is no lack of proof. The demonstration Sunday was much larger than any of its predecessors of former years, showing that the movement is constantly growing in strength and popularity. In Hudson county alone 24,000 men were in line, including 3,000 in Bayonne and 4,000 in North Hudson. Throughout the States the various Holy Name processions aggregated for 1908 men, 16,000 being in line in Essex county, 6,000 in Passaic.

"It would be strange if these annual demonstrations against profanity and obscenity did not bear fruit. As a matter of fact, profanity in its manifold forms is on the decrease. This statement is supported by the testimony of employers and foremen where large numbers of men are employed, and is borne out by individual observation. Profane words on the street and in crowds are less frequently heard than was the case even a few years ago. The average man is now ashamed to give offense in that direction.

"The Holy Name Society deserves to be congratulated upon the good work it is accomplishing. That it may succeed in making blasphemy and profanity so hateful that they will disappear is a wish in which all good Americans will join."

Wherever there is a Holy Name Society in his parish, a Catholic should affiliate with it. Profanity is a vice that should be banished from the land.

Tribute

In commenting upon the recent corner stone laying of the St. Louis Cathedral, the secular "Post Dispatch" of that city, saw editorially: The Catholic Church has, by the quality and character of its membership, played a great part in the history of St. Louis. The public life of the city has been strengthened and promoted by the men of light and leading members of that communion. In this year of grace, when the prejudices of a narrow education and restricted outlook are vanishing, men of all faiths congratulate any sect or denomination which shows the fruits of good work. The Catholics of St. Louis may be sure that their celebration will be set down in the public mind as an occasion which touches the public interest at many points and is supported by the heartiest good wishes of all thoughtful people. The cathedral will not only signify progress and prosperity for the Catholic faith, but it will be an ornament to the city to be enjoyed by all citizens. This warm tribute from outside the Church must bring joy to the heart of Archbishop Glennon as it does to every Catholic in the United States:

Now let the Prosperity bird fly along.

Secretary of State Whalen's friends in Rochester stood by him nobly but they did not number enough to secure his re-election.

If the published charges against Governor Regis H. Post of Porto Rico, be true, then he should be recalled were he twenty times the friend of Theodore Roosevelt.

Well, the Socialists did not poll their promised million votes, but they did poll enough to cause anxiety to the lovers of American institutions.

Now that election is over let us not forget that we are all American citizens and that the President is our President.

Welcomed.

Bishop Thomas A. Hendrick, formerly of Rochester and now of Cebu, P. I., was recipient of much attention at a visit he made recently to the town of Sligo, Ireland. The bishop was given a reception which was attended by thousands of people, who cheered him many times. The prominent ecclesiastical and municipal officials turned out in a body to give him a greeting and an elaborate program was given in his honor.

Bishop Hendrick was introduced by Rev. Dr. Cummings, who said: "He is a grand missionary of that grand old Catholic Church ever ancient, ever new, always active and always doing the work which its mission from the Almighty gave it to perform. He carries the faith to distant lands, and living there the life of an apostle exemplifies the characteristics of the sainted sons of the Church that have endeared themselves to us in years gone by.

This good news from an ex-churchman, is worthy of wide spread emulation. The Catholic Association of Rome, N. Y., has taken practical steps towards keeping Catholic young men of that city out of non-Catholic societies. It has just opened a new building that will house all the Catholic societies of the city, which heretofore met in scattered halls. Besides meeting rooms for the K. of C. A. O. H., etc. there is also a large assembly hall, banquet hall, kitchen, on the fourth floor is a large room to be used for a gymnasium and off that are three shower baths. There are also reading rooms, smoking and card rooms, and everything is convenient and nicely arranged. This is line of action that can be followed to advantage in larger cities which complain of the inroads made by the Y. M. C. A., but do nothing to eradicate them."

See how the American Jews stand by Pouren whose extradition is asked for by the Russian government and see how many other Americans join hands in the protest. Would such a popular outburst follow a demand on the part of Great Britain for the extradition of an Irish political refugee? Of course the Masonic fraternity would not figure in either contingency?

Justice Peter Hendrick is teaching the Rochester lawyers that New York jurists know how to conduct court with neatness and despatch, also without loss of judicial dignity.

Says the "Catholic Union and Times" I congratulate my old friend Dr. Hart, editor of the Cincinnati Catholic Telegraph, on his defeat for congress. He was pitted against "Nick" Longworth. Dr. Hart, to my mind, is more useful in the editorial chair than he would be in congress.

During November do not forget to say a prayer each day for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

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