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### Rev. William Gleeson

With crushing shock, not only to the people of St. Mary's parish but to the Catholic and non-Catholic population of Rochester came the news on Wednesday morning of the sudden death of Rev. Wm. Gleeson, for nearly ten years the beloved pastor of St. Mary's parish and the close friend of every member of the congregation, old and young.

Father Gleeson was a true priest, in every sense of the word. His whole aim was to live as His Divine Master lived and to do good every minute of the day. Never was he too tired to visit the sick, to bring a ray of sunshine into a sorrowing home, to comfort the little ones in their petty griefs, to sit in the confessional and ease the penitent soul of his load of sin.

It may well be doubted if worldly desires and ambition entered into Father Gleeson's thoughts. Whether ecclesiastical advancement was to come his way or not, did not trouble him. Indeed, he was somewhat too modest and self-effacing.

One word more:—While Death came without warning, it found Father Gleeson prepared and ready. While it may seem to many unnecessary, we ask his many friends not to forget Rev. William Gleeson in their prayers. He did not forget them. Let them remember him. And may Almighty God, in His mercy, grant eternal peace to his soul.

### Scholarships Founded

Dr. Max Pam, the well-known Jewish-American jurist, has long been noted for his friendly feeling toward the Catholic church. He has manifested this feeling in many ways but in nothing so remarkable as within the last few days when he announced that he will found five scholarships, each valued at \$5,000 in the Catholic University in Washington. The students to benefit from these will be nominated by Mr. Pam in conjunction with the officers of the Catholic Church Extension society while Mr. Pam lives. After his death the officers of the Extension society will take charge exclusively.

In his letter to Cardinal Gibbons announcing these scholarships, Mr. Pam pays this remarkable tribute to the Catholic Church:—

The Catholic Church holds to the traditions of the past; it is conservative; it stands for authority, for government, for the rights of the individual and for the rights of property, and these to my mind are the chief elements that enter into individual and national happiness; it has the largest number of communicants of any religious institution in the country; it has the opportunity of moulding character, developing the intelligence and creating a proper sense of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, not only amongst those who are citizens at the present moment, but amongst the millions who will come from other lands seeking better opportuni-

ties and more favorable conditions of life.

I do not believe in helplessness which leads to lack of self-reliance, destroys individual ambition and makes drones instead of producers. I believe that all right-thinking people are as opposed to predatory poverty as they are to predatory wealth. I believe in religious education which quickens the conscience to a sense of its responsibilities. I believe in the country's future and have faith that the people properly educated and wisely led will solve their problems as they arise; and with the spirit of religion finding permanent place in thought and conduct, both in private and public life, the liberties and happiness of the people are secure.

### Foul Slander

We have referred heretofore to the slanders contained in resolutions adopted by the United Presbyterian Assembly at Seattle in reference to the Catholic Church. We have waited to hear the Rochester adherents to that body utter condemnation of these slanders upon their Catholic co-religionists in Rochester. Although the Assembly has been over several weeks, we have not heard or seen any such repudiation. Hence we must infer that our Presbyterian friends subscribe to these foul libels.

Least by our silence we should appear to assent to the truth of these slanders, we now beg leave to assure the Presbyterians that every charge made in Seattle is false and call upon them for proof or retraction. The charges included:—assertions that we are in alliance with corrupt and designing politicians; that we are seeking to break down the public school system; that we want to drive the Bible from the public schools, that we support an armed force of several hundred thousand men; that we exercise Jesuitical control over the President of the United States.

Each and every one of these charges are both absurd and false. We can easily prove their falsity. Therefore, we submit it is up to the authors of the libel to apologize forwih.

### A New Party

Unless ardor cools as the season moves on, the United States will this year enjoy one of its periodical "new political parties." Within the memory of the present generation there have been:—the Greenback, the Populist, the Socialist-Labor, the Socialist, the Prohibition, the National or Gold Democratic, the Independence League and other new political movements not quite so prominent. Some of these are still in existence, others have almost ceased to be memories.

While, just now, the new proposed party launched at Chicago because the Republican convention refused to further the political ambitions of former President Theodore Roosevelt, has the appearance of virility, it must be recalled that in 1896 the silver men who walked out of the Republican convention in St. Louis and the gold democrats who bolted Bryan in the same year, showed signs of a permanent political uprising, but that the Republican and Democratic parties are still doing business at the same old stand.

It may be, however, that the deep-seated feeling apparent against existing conditions is so strong that a third political party has a chance to win at the polls in November, but it is more likely to result in Republican defeat and Democratic victory in November.

It may be true, as an exchange says, that "the mob always follows the big noise," but the Chicago convention did not, and viewed at long range, that seemed to be some mob.

### Not Unusual

American papers are copying from English exchanges—with apparent wonder—articles showing that in the current assizes throughout Ireland scores of judges are receiving white gloves. The custom is an old one that has had more exemplification in Ireland than in any other nation in the world. It is carried out when there are no criminal cases to engage the attention of the court.

Readers of the Catholic Journal, let alone those who read the Irish papers, will recall many such items during the last twenty years. Ireland is one of the freest countries from crime in the world notwithstanding that the paragraphs seem to take particular pains to poke fun at the Irish and to slur the race whenever they see half an opportunity.

Now the graduates go on a vacation, that is those of them who have the price. Others start in to work.

Catholic convention season is about due. More resolutions testifying to the worth of the Catholic press—and then good night for a year?

Rev. F. S. Chatard on June 14th celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood.

### No Loose Flowers on Graves

The Board of trustees of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery have issued the following notice: It is not allowed to place on graves, flowers in vases or other receptacles unless they are planted in earth; loose flowers in water quickly become a nuisance from decay.

### Clerical Changes

Rev. Ernest Ziegler, who has been assistant to Rev. D. Laurentis at Holy Family church for five years, has been appointed assistant to Rev. Schelhorn at Perpetual Help church.

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