

NON-CATHOLIC CONFEDERATE REPROVES BIGOTED COMRADES.

Catholics Ever The Champions Of Constitutional Liberty.

One excellent effect has resulted from the recent exhibition of bigotry on the part of the Southern Confederates who objected to the invitation extended by the Daughters of the Confederacy to Bishop Keily to be the speaker at the Confederate Memorial Day celebration. It has roused the angry resentment of the fair-minded and brought forth remarkable tributes of appreciation of the part Catholics have played in the history of our country even from those not of our faith.

One such tribute is that given by Mr. T. K. Oglesby in an address delivered before the Confederate Veterans Assn. Camp No. 766, of Savannah, in which he maintained the propriety of the choice of Bishop B. J. Keily, by the Daughters of the Confederacy, as orator on the Confederate Memorial Day in Macon. He warmly commended the action of the women who refused to yield to the intolerant demand of the bigots who protested against the invitation. Mr. Oglesby prefaced his address by saying "I am not a Catholic, and, so far as I know, none of my ancestors were and none of my kindred are Catholics."

Referring to the unfortunate incident at Macon the speaker said in part: "It would be hard to find a more painfully astounding instance of the effect of religious prejudice and intolerance, and a more palpable ignorance or obliviousness, or ignoring of facts that should have made it impossible; than is shown in this protest; and no more fitting occasion than this can be found for a statement of some of those facts that should be known and remembered by every Confederate Veteran, and every descendant of a Confederate."

After setting forth the provisions of the constitution guaranteeing equal rights and religious liberty to all, and quoting words of Washington illustrative of this attitude towards the Catholics of his time, Mr. Oglesby concluded by saying: "The truth of history overwhelmingly refutes the imputation that profession of the Roman Catholic Faith is incompatible with loyalty to American principles of government; and surely the facts I have stated show the peculiar appropriateness of the choice of the Macon Daughters of the Confederacy for orator of an occasion in honor of the memory of those sons of the south who died for those principles in the war between the states; of every one of whom it can be said, as truly as Gen. Lee said of Paul J. Semmes, 'He died discharging the highest duty of a patriot.'"

"History shows that there are no more devoted adherents, no sturdier defenders of constitutional liberty, as they have been trans-mitted to us through the great charter and the American Constitution, than have been found in the ranks of those professing that faith—the faith of Stephen Langton, of Runnymede, and of not interrupted conversions, and Chas. Carroll of Carrollton, and of Chief Justice Taney, and of millions of schismatics may one day return to the allegiance of D. White; and of that great judge William Gaston of N. Carolina, whose name and memory are revered in that state by Protestants and Catholics alike. It shows that the Confederate cause, support—which itself was the cause of arms for the crusade that is not more ardent sympathizers, nor more eloquent advocates than were to be found in those same ranks; and no doubt of his fealty to those principles and to that cause can find lodgement in the mind of any one who knows that true American, that loyal Southern gentleman—Bishop Benjamin Keily."

Following this address the veterans' camp unanimously adopted a set of resolutions concurring in the invitation of Bishop Keily and deprecating all previous objections thereto.

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Foreign Mission News

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Prayer of Our Holy Father, for the Union of the Christian Peoples of the East With the Church at Rome.

"O God, Who hast united the different nations in the confession of Thy Name, we pray to Thee for the Christian peoples of the East. Mindful of the noble place which they have held in Thy Church, we beseech Thee to inspire in them the desire to take again, in order to form with us one fold under the rule of one and the same Shepherd. Bring it about that they, together with us, may be filled with the teaching of their holy Doctors, who are also our Fathers in the Faith. Prevent any mishapening which might alienate them still more from us. May the spirit of concord and love, which is a proof of Thy presence among the faithful, hasten the day when our prayers and theirs may be united, in order that every people and every tongue may recognize and glorify Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen."—300 days' indulgence once a day; plenary once a month with the usual conditions.

Bishop A. Rayssac, P. F. M., of Swatow, China, is deeply concerned regarding the fate of the young men destined to form a native clergy. He says:

"Fourteen of my Seminarists must continue their studies in Canton, because I cannot give them any shelter; others are waiting until they can be received. The mission does not possess a seminary; it has not the necessary resources for its establishment and maintenance; yet a native clergy is a question of life or death for the mission. The priests are few: twenty-one missionaries and six native for 33,000 Christians. If I do not prepare at once a seminary for the formation of more native priests in a short time the flock will be without a shepherd. Therefore my attention turns towards the peopleless lands of the New World, and first to the United States. May Our Divine Saviour repay to them a hundred-fold what they will do for my mission."

THE CAUSE OF THE EASTERN SCHISMATICS.

As Envoy Extraordinary of the Congregation of the Propaganda, Rev. George Calavassy comes to the United States for the purpose of interesting Catholics in the missionary work being pursued in Constantinople among the schismatics of the Greek Church. A schismatic is a person who retains the articles of Faith of the Roman Church, but rejects allegiance to the Pope. It is not easy to win schismatics to the True Faith in spite of their apparent nearness, but of late some important results have been obtained. Fr. Calavassy states that the faith—the faith of Stephen Langton, of Runnymede, and of not interrupted conversions, and Chas. Carroll of Carrollton, and of Chief Justice Taney, and of millions of schismatics may one day return to the allegiance of D. White; and of that great judge William Gaston of N. Carolina, whose name and memory are revered in that state by Protestants and Catholics alike. It shows that the Confederate cause, support—which itself was the cause of arms for the crusade that is not more ardent sympathizers, nor more eloquent advocates than were to be found in those same ranks; and no doubt of his fealty to those principles and to that cause can find lodgement in the mind of any one who knows that true American, that loyal Southern gentleman—Bishop Benjamin Keily."

This cause is only one of the many great ones now agitating the mission world. There is little doubt that peace will bring a new impetus toward Christianity even as war has done.

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News From Ireland

At her residence, Mill street, Tullow, the death took place of Mrs. Annie McCullough, wife of James G. McCullough.

The death took place at his mother's residence, Doombeg, of John, son of the late John McInerney and Mrs. McInerney, Doombeg, aged 26 years.

J. Cunningham, J. P., Ballinacollig, was unopposed for the presidency of the Irish National Teachers' Organization.

Dr. Enright, Cork, has been appointed temporary medical officer, Bantry Union.

The late Monsignor O'Kelly, who died in Rome, was a brother of J. L. O'Kelly, agent in Cork of the L. G. W. Railway, the local staff of which passed a vote of condolence with him.

During February, 1,700 tons of potatoes were exported from Ireland under license.

The late Very Rev. Canon Anderson, P. P., Terenure, left estate valued at £5,479.

P. J. O'Neill, chairman Dublin County Council, it is understood, has been appointed director-general of "National" Service for Ireland.

The plant of the "Kerry Press" and "Kerry Advocate," Tralee, has been sold.

Tarbert parish, one of the smallest in Kerry, has sent over £18 to the Gaelic League this year.

Listowel Guardians voted sympathy to Mr. Bailey, Tralee, on his son's death.

Martin Nolan, 55, has succumbed to injury received when a horse kicked him in a Curragh training stable.

At the Convent of Charity, Kilkenny, the golden jubilee has been celebrated of Miss Catherine Egan (in religion Sister Mary De Pazzi), formerly of Strokestown.

Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg presided. Miss Egan is a sister of the late Very Rev. Canon Egan, P. P., Elphin, and of Sister Benignus and Mother Mary Teresa Egan of the Mercy Order.

The late R. Allen, formerly of Carrick-on-Shannon, left property worth £14,323.

At SS. Peter and Paul's church, Cork, by Rev. D. O'Connor, Adm., Queenstown, assisted by the Rev. T. Murphy, C. C., Bruree, Edmond, eldest son of John O'Connor, J. P., Donnybrook House, Doneraile, County Cork, was married to Nora, eldest daughter of Richard O'Regan, Garrouse, Bruree.

The body of Mrs. Ryan, Marfield, Clonmel, missing for over a month, has been found in the Suir.

Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty has sent £5 to James O'Meara, N. C., Nenagh, to assist a local committee to take over Nenagh show grounds.

Mrs. Marion J. O'Brien, late of Riversdale, Roscrea, has presented an angelus bell to Achill Catholic church, County Mayo.

Rev. R. J. Casey, P. P., who died recently at Powerstown, Clonmel, aged 65, was a native of Garran, Kilmacthomas, and filled curacies at Dungarvan, Lisamore, Waterford, Kilrossenty and Knockamore.

The following deaths are announced: Very Rev. Patrick Raleigh, O. S. A., Prior, Dungarvan, Leaving Dungarvan after his first mission, he ministered at Prior, successively, at Hammersmith and at St. Patrick's Rome.—At Millfield, Patrick Power, late of Kilmacthomas.—At her residence, Englistown, Stradbally, Annie O'Connor, wife of John O'Connor.

The following deaths have occurred: Henry Vincent, son of Patrick McCullen, Beamore, Drogheda.

LATEST NEWS FROM BELGIUM

Cable Describing Grave Conditions of Civilian Population.

The Commission for Relief in Belgium, at 120 Broadway, received today the following cable addressed to Herbert Hoover by Emile Francqui, acting Chairman of the Belgian National Committee of 35,000 notable Belgian men inside Belgium with whom the Commission has co-operated since the beginning:

"I have received your different communications and am very glad to learn that in spite of your other important occupations you will remain at the head of the relief. At the next weekly meeting of the Comite National I will inform your friends, which include all Belgians, and I am sure they will cheer your decision. I will also tell them that you have informed me that in your new position you will be able to help the relief even more than before.

"The situation in Belgium is very grave. Native foods are scarce, potatoes fetching two francs fifty centimes per kilo, rutabagas one franc forty centimes, meat sixteen francs, etc., and under these conditions nine-tenths of the population are reduced to the ration of imported foods, which is absolutely insufficient. So I implore you to help us and to increase the importation of general foods.

"In view of the extremely grave situation of the hundred thousand French refugees in Belgium, which number is daily increasing, the French Minister at The Hague asks me to advise you of the fact that he has wired his government to aid you in any way that you demand in increasing the imports into Belgium.

"Aggravating this situation is the deplorable condition of the industrial section of Belgium. I have today wired my government in the same sense with the concurrence of the Belgian Minister here."

MISSION TO THE DEAF MUTES

A Mission for the Catholic Deafmutes of Rochester and Vicinity will be held in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin and North Clinton Streets, Rochester, N. Y. The Mission will be of one week's duration, opening on Sunday, May 6th, and closing on the following Sunday, May 13th. The services will begin each night at 7:45 P. M. and will be conducted by Rev. Charles J. Burger, C. S. S. R., familiarly known as "The Redemptorist Deafmute Missionary". At the services the usual prayers and hymns will be said or sung and signed respectively, and the customary Mission Sermons preached in the sign-language. Along with his signs Rev. Father Burger, C. S. S. R., shall also speak the prayers, sing the hymns and preach the sermons for the benefit of the "speaking and hearing people" of the city who have been cordially invited to attend this Mission of their less fortunate brethren. This method will necessarily help the "speaking and hearing people" to understand to a degree the expressive significance of the sign language and to reap spiritual benefit for their own souls.

Rev. Father Burger's name is not unknown to the deafmutes as he has given Deafmute Missions and Renewals in the cities of New York and Pittsburgh. He is attached to the Redemptorist Parish, St. Philomena, 14th Street and Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., to which address all communications about Deafmute Missions should be sent.

The College of the Sacred Heart, in New York, an institution for the higher education of women, conducted by the Religious of the Sacred Heart, was established, with a charter from the Regents of the State of New York, recently.

In the Holy Name Society are now about 1,500,000 members.

St. George, Martyr, is the Patron of the Russian Army.

Mexico.

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An Anti-Catholic Revolution.

What do you know of Mexican history? Can you give even a suggestion of who were the original inhabitants of the country? If so, can you explain anything about their mode of life, their government, their social organization, system or land tenure, or mode of warfare? What do you know of the Conquest of Mexico by the Spaniard, and the civilizing work of the Church and State following it? If you can answer correctly a part of any one of these questions, you are informing far beyond the average of your countrymen. And yet the chances are that whatever opinions you may have about Mexico are very likely to have been formed upon information furnished by people not one whit better informed than you are.

The American public has for the past six years been treated to a steady stream of misinformation calculated to produce a certain effect, which succeeded, owing to the fact that an alarming proportion of the American people were favorable to the main purpose of the Mexican Revolution, because it coincided with a secret desire of their own, and that is nothing more nor less than a heavy blow at the Catholic Church. Religious prejudice, you say? Can it be possible that Americans possessing a love of liberty and standing for the great principle of religious freedom, have so far forgotten themselves as to even sympathize with any such barbarous enterprise? Strange as it may seem, that is exactly what they have done, and what is even more startling, is the fact that a large body of American Catholics have been bamboozled into lending their aid and encouragement to a cause whose triumph has been won through the greatest persecution of Christianity since Diocletian.

Fainted Sources of Information.

The average American remembers little of the history learned in school, and is left to gather his knowledge of the subject in later years from the magazines and newspapers, and the fatal consequence is that he is fed with falsehood, for the history he thus reads is colored by socialism—Catholicism is synonymous with anti-Catholicism—for the vast majority of the writers of today are socialist sympathizers.

It is high time for the American people, and especially those of the Catholic faith, to pause and take time to inquire into the causes underlying the trouble in Mexico, and to consider who the Mexican is, who he was, and why it is that a small but vicious minority has been permitted practically to abolish the exercise of religious crimes of murder and outrage, to say nothing of the wholesale destruction and confiscation of property.

The present revolution in Mexico is considered justified by most Americans because they are over-ready to believe in the existence of a host of evils in Mexico, for which they are even readier to charge the Catholic Church with being, in part at least, the cause. The truth about what the Church found in Mexico is just as important as the truth about what the Church did with what it found, and both should be seriously considered by those Americans who are not blinded by prejudice.

Unreliable Historians

It is to be regretted that a false sentimentalism has been permitted to color, to so great a measure, the histories of Mexico that have been published in the English language, and to this is to be added the even greater regret that these almost invariably have been diluted and adulterated in authority and in value by misrepresentations, and even misstatements, due to inherited prejudices; Bandelier and Lummis being notable exceptions. A whole host of reliable writers of Mexican history, both lay and

religious, lived and labored during the three hundred years that the country was ruled by Spanish governors, but because of the excessive cost of paper and printing, many of such histories remained in manuscript, and those that were printed were limited to editions of but a few copies. Many of these documents were printed or reprinted after the War of Independence, but, for reasons already stated, were limited to editions of at most a few hundred copies. Then, too, not only are many of these works in Spanish, but some, indeed, are in the native Indian language. Translations of some of these have been made into English, but the editions are limited and expensive, and, therefore, beyond the reach of the average reader. The consequence has been that those seeking information about Mexico have had to depend upon the medium priced works of popular and well advertised authors, and here the seeker for information has found the supply poisoned at its source.

The dislike of the Spaniard by the Anglo-Saxon is attributable to causes many of which reach back into the early Latin Germanic conflicts, but these were all cemented together into a wall of prejudice and dislike by the ill-fated Armada of Philip II of Spain. Since that period it has been a settled purpose to assume all evil in the Spaniard and to admit no good. And in the general indictment, his religion, for various reasons, has been included. To justify this dislike and prejudice, our historians have seen fit to imagine in ancient Mexico a state of society and culture equal, indeed, some say superior, to that of contemporary Europe, and have then proceeded to picture its "destruction" and the subsequent "oppression" of the people, with fire and sword, in colors of tears and blood.

Imaginary Grandeur

We are told of a great "Empire," whose "Emperor" was the center of a really marvelous organization, possessing all the various stratifications of social castes known in contemporary Europe, and all bound together by laws and customs whose loss is bitterly lamented by the writers. Indeed, they would have us believe that it would have been much better for all concerned if the ancient Mexicans had been left as the Spaniards found them. As a matter of fact, there was no "Empire"—much less an "Emperor." Neither was there any trace of a complicated organization of state, either civil or military. The Mexican Indians were not without their virtues, but these were bespattered and besmeared with the blood of human sacrifice and the savor of cannibalism.

Gaelic Literary and Musical Association Elect Officers.

The annual general meeting of the Gaelic Literary and Musical Association was held at the "Fitzburgh" on Friday evening and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, D. C. Ryan; Vice-president, Francis O'Byrne; Treasurer, Miss Mary Carr; Secretary, Miss Elsie Cole. The directors are Martin K. Fenelon, Miss Rose Carey, Miss Nora Carr, Miss Ellen Carroll, James Cole and Mrs. M. Fenelon. The treasurer announced a very substantial balance in the treasury with which to begin the next season. The association will close its activities for the season with a "May Party" at the Fitzburgh, on Friday evening, May 11th.

The Archbishop of Cincinnati ordained four priests at the Sarquinist Seminary, Carthage, O.

The new St. Benedict Church in Chicago will cost about \$170,000.

In St. Leo Church, Denver, Robert Spencer, a great-great grandson of Daniel Boone, was received into the Church.

The campaign for a \$200,000 fund for the Fenwick Club and Boys' Home, Cincinnati, will begin May 28th.