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Golden Jubilee

Another proof of the foresight
of Rochester's great first Bishop,
the late Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Mc
Quaid, is noted in the announce-
ment that plans are under way
for a fitting celebration of the
fiftieth anniversary of the found-
ing of St. Andrew's Seminary,
the institution where the prepara-
tory studies of so many of the
priests of the Diocese of Roches-
ter were made and where the vo-
cations of would-be ecclesiastical
students were tested.

When the Diocese of Rochester
was created and Dr. McQuaid
was promoted from the presiden-
cy of Seton Hall College to be its
first Bishop the Catholic popula-
tion of Rochester and the Diocese
was not what it is now. Men of
wealth were few and far be-
tween. There was no St. Bern-
ard's Seminary then to train
priests and vocations were few,
and for preparatory studies and a
place to test out vocations there
was none. While St. Bernard's
was in the Bishop's mind even
then, it appeared but a dream.
But before the expense and re-
sponsibility of sending students
to distant colleges for training
was to be undertaken the Bishop
determined upon establishing in
Rochester at least a preparatory
seminary. He also felt that such
a preparatory school would arouse
interest among the young Catho-
lic boys and undoubtedly help to
develop vocations which could be
tested and fostered under the
watchful eye of the Bishop. So St.
Andrew's was established. Bishop
and priests gave of their time to
act as members of the faculty and
as instructors. Especial interest
was taken in the new institution
by the late Monsignor DeRegge
who gave freely of time and mon-
ey to build St. Andrew's from its
inception in the old stable build-
ing in the rear of the Cathedral
property until today it is housed
in its own modest but well
equipped home on Frank street.

Priests and people have reason
to bless St. Andrew's and it can
be predicted that the celebration
of its golden jubilee will be in-
spiring and full of real human
interest and fond memories.

Truly, Bishop McQuaid builded
well and his successor is imbued
heart and soul with the splendid
example of his great predecessor
who knew that Thomas F. Hickey
would carry to full completion the
work begun under what seemed
to be unpropitious circumstances
by the first Bishop of Rochester.

It would be well if Catholics
scanned very carefully all pro-
posed amendments to the New
York State Constitution.

One of the best things that can
be said about a man is "he was
never known to break his word."

Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston,
took part in the canonization of
Catholics in Rome.

New High School

It is reported that a movement
is to be launched to build a boys'
Catholic High School in Rochester
to correspond to the new
Nazareth High School for girls
in Lake avenue which is such a
splendid edifice of its kind.

That the boys should have a
high school of similar character
and equipment needs no argu-
ment. That the Catholic spirit in
Rochester is of such aggressive
type as to produce such a build-
ing likewise cannot be denied.

Therefore another splendid
Catholic institution is to be added
to Rochester's educational equip-
ment, seems assured in the not
distant future.

Bigots Defeated

While it is pleasing to read that
the dastardly attempt of the
bigots to close all the Catholic
schools in Michigan and ultimate-
ly to banish religion from the
schools in Michigan, as told in
the following despatch to the
New York "Times", nevertheless
it is a warning to us to exercise
eternal vigilance:—

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 9.—
Attorney General Groesbeck to-
day held that the anti-parochial
school amendment is unconstitu-
tional and cannot go on the No-
vember ballot. This decision, how-
ever, did not completely spike the
guns of those who are trying to
close all Catholic schools in Mich-
igan and force the Catholic chil-
dren into the public educational
institutions. It is announced that
Groesbeck's ruling will be carried
to the State Supreme Court in an
effort to get the amendment on
the ballot to make it a part of the
State Constitution.

For years unsuccessful efforts
have been made in the Michigan
Legislature to pass laws forcing
the closing of Catholic schools, by
making it unlawful for any child
between the ages of 5 and 16
years to attend a private school.
The licenses of teachers in private
schools would also be revoked.
This year an amendment to the
State Constitution was initiated
by petitions which were filed with
the Secretary of State.

The Rev. L. A. Linn, pastor of
the Holy Cross Lutheran Church
of Saginaw, asked the Attorney
General if the amendment as in-
tiated was constitutional. An-
swering Mr. Linn, Groesbeck tells
the Secretary of State that the
anti-parochial school amendment
is grossly unconstitutional and
should not be submitted to the
electors. He says:

"The police power of the State
to promote peace, health, order
and education does not permit the
closing of private schools or mak-
ing idle millions in school prop-
erty. The Fourteenth Amendment
to the Federal Constitution pro-
hibits the State from abridging
the privileges or immunities of
citizens, or depriving any person
of life, liberty or property."

The Catholics have won the
first round in what may yet be-
come a long bitter struggle to
force Catholic children into the
public schools.

Dr. Michael Possenti, of Italy,
is a happy man. Although 86 years
old he was able to visit Rome and
witness the canonization of his
brother, St. Gabriel of Our Lady
of Dolors.

The interest taken in the
National Catholic Educational
Association proves that we are
reckoned as a factor in all national
movements.

Greetings to Maryknoll, the
home of American foreign mis-
sions, on attainment of its ninth
anniversary.

Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes
is sustaining the reputation of
the New York See by his partici-
pation not only in Church mat-
ters but in all civic movements.

Again they are mentioning
Archbishop Hanna as a possible
recipient of a Cardinal's red hat.

Change!

Strenuous, indeed, are the ef-
forts put forth by the Anglican
church to prevent the threatened
exodus to the Catholic Church.
So far as they can, the "High
Church Wing" is trying to make
the Anglican Church a replica of
the Catholic. Just read this an-
nouncement which recently ap-
peared in the London papers:—

"The program of the first An-
glo-Catholic Congress, to be held
in the Albert Hall and the
Queen's Hall from June 29th to
July 1st, is now completed. On
the opening day there will be
high mass for bishops and priests
only at St. Alban's, Holborn, and
for the laity at eight other
churches. The Bishop of Salis-
bury will be the preacher at St.
Alban's. On June 30th requiem
masses will be celebrated for the
repose of the souls of all English
Catholics departed this life. Other
special services are to be held in
connection with the congress,
while a great variety of subjects
will be discussed at the various
sessions."

A Comparison

The following comparison of
the Chinese and Japanese char-
acters by Monsignor Reiners, S.
V. D. Bishop of Niigata, Japan,
is of interest at this time:—

"With regard to character and
mental qualities, the Japanese
are more susceptible of Christian-
ity than the Chinese. In Jap-
an, more so than in China, is there
a real religious interest that
draws the catechumens to Chris-
tianity. Unselfishness is much
more pronounced in the Japanese
than in the Chinese. The Japane-
se is more self-sacrificing than
the Chinese. The Japanese char-
acter reveals an eminent courage;
heroism is, indeed, one of the true
characteristics of the Japanese.
The Japanese is mentally more
active than the Chinese. He ap-
plies himself with keener inter-
est to the solution of intellectual,
principally of ethical problems.
In fact, one finds the Japanese
people, if one has grown rightly
to understand them, to be a very
desirable object of mission activ-
ity. The Japanese are cleanly;
they are pleasant in tempera-
ment. They are agreeable in con-
versation; they have a sense of
the beautiful and the noble, they
are intelligent; they are possessed
of an appreciation of ethical and
religious problems."

Neither Republican nor Demo-
cratic party accepted the Irish
plank of DeValera and the others
comprised in the Friends of Irish
Freedom and the American Com-
mission on Irish Independence.

Our own Archbishop Hanna
will be able to give us first hand
real conditions in Ireland.

It will not be long before Lab-
or Day and the Industrial Ex-
position and school days and a
whole lot of reminders that the
vacation season is over will be
upon us.

Frank Munsey is consolidating
his cheap magazines—possibly
preparatory to raising the price.

There are still bogus patriots
who are raising funds by using
the mask of patriotism.

"St. Andrew's" recalls many
an experience to the priests of
the Diocese of Rochester.

If the public pays the expense
of the electricians and plumbers'
strikes—and who doubts it?—
there'll be less plumbing and
electrical work done in Rochester
this fall.

Archbishop Mannix, of Aus-
tralia, is a true Celt.

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