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Father Raffeix's Map

This map from the Canadian Government Archives is one of the earliest charts of this region. It shows such a correct knowledge of the Finger Lakes and their environs that its maker might be called "Champlain of the Finger Lakes."

Genesee River

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Canandaigua at the head of the river in the greatest Allegheny County on the west side of the Genesee River, one-half hours' drive above Letchworth Park.

Oil Spring Reservation, one mile square, containing the famous oil spring. It lies in the forks of Oil Creek in Allegheny County.

Four other reservations were out of the Genesee Country, viz.: Cattaraugus, Allegheny, Tonawanda, and Buffalo Creek. With the exception of these reservations the Senecas, beginning with deals made with Phelps and Gorham in 1787 and ending with the Treaty of Big Tree, had sold all of their 6,000,000 acres of land in western New York; nor were they able to protect all of their remaining lands from the avarice of white men. Nose of the Genesee Valley lands now belong to them.

In 1812 the surveying of the town lots on a hundred acre tract beside the west side of the Genesee River by Colonel Nathaniel Rochester started the city which now is Rochester. 300 years of search and conquest on the Genesee have ended. Since Galinee in 1669 stood at the site of our new library and Charlevoix in 1721 passed the swampy mouth of the river without ascending it, the River has given to the city all of the land of Ontario Beach Park with its sandy swimming beach truly returning good for the evil of pollution. Among the pioneers of exploration were men who had dedicated their lives to the holiest ambitions.

"We walk the trails where their feet have trod
And feel their urge for life,
Their search for a Vision of God."

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Silver Jubilee

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This, indeed, is an auspicious occasion. Around me and before me I see those illustrious founders whose vision and courage brought the Association into being 25 years ago. It is good to have them with us, pleasant to add our tribute to the glory of those whose deed we celebrate, whose historic work we help carry one step further toward fruition. Today we mingled with these eminent founders, Their Excellencies, Bishop Hartley and Bishop Noll, Dr. Burke, Father Cotter, Dr. Hart, Simon Baldus, James Carrill, Claude Becker, men whose names are already etched in gold in the history of our Association.

Fortunate, indeed, are we to have them with us, leaders all, inspiring personalities who guide the Association as ably today, or who are as interested therein, as when Columbus became the birthplace of our Association. That event of the formation looms larger as time comes between. As the beacon light on a mountain peak rises higher and higher and seemingly stands against the sky as, step by step, we draw away, so the founding of our Association takes in a greater import, an added lustre, with each passing year.

Since those early days we have entered new fields as advancing institutions always do: we have assumed new burdens as living bodies always must. But the lesson of the founding and this anniversary shall not be lost. It shall be preserved to guide us inward as a star. Solemnly it becomes our heritage, a trust of the Catholic Press.

Ah, the Catholic Press! Were I a painter, I should color my canvas in bold strokes, showing a giant protecting the figure of justice and tolerance from her enemies, thus depicting the press in its role of righteousness. Were I a sculptor, I should chisel the marble into the form of a fair angel holding a trumpet, thus portraying the press as a messenger of peace and happiness of soul. And were I a poet I should sing my song of a home and its happy family, an epic tale of the Catholic Press in its battle for the preservation of these sacred ties.

Father Damien

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of crowds, a wood of banners move slowly through the streets of Antwerp. Hymns and music resound, thousands are moved to tears! A whole nation, preceded by their king and cardinal, escort the triumphant return of the poor leprous priest, the Apostle of the lepers, the Martyr of Charity!

No mourning here as for a hero who is carried away from the field of battle, but hymns and hosannas of triumph and victory for One who conquered himself to serve and save the most abandoned and wretched of men!

After an imposing ceremony in Antwerp's cathedral, the cortege set in motion again and accompanied the imposing hearse, which contained the remains of Father Damien, to the outskirts of the city.

Antwerp, the city of corteges, had witnessed a triumphant reception, which she never saw before and perhaps never will see again!

The following day a similar solemnity took place at Louvain, the city of the Alma Mater. After a very impressive Requiem Mass the sacred remains were buried in the church of the monastery of the Sacred Hearts Fathers, where Father Damien made his first entrance into religious life.

There he rests, waiting the day of resurrection! . . .

There he rests and his tomb became glorious! . . .

There he rests and although dead, Father Damien continues to live in the hearts and in the minds of men.

There Damien continues to teach us a lesson which we need so badly: a lesson of charity, of self denial and self sacrifice for the welfare of others.

May our sick world of 1936 understand and practice that lesson! . . . Then and then alone it will enjoy true peace and happiness.

THE END

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But being simply what I am I lift my voice to call upon my comrades to carry on with and through these founders, to the end that the glorious ideals they stand for forever shall endure.

THE END

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