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PASTORAL LETTER OF MOST REV. PAUL BRUCHESI, Archbishop of Montreal, ON "PETER'S PENCE."

PAUL BRUCHESI, by the Grace of God, and the favor of the Holy See, Archbishop of Montreal.

To the clergy, religious communities and laity of Our Diocese, health, peace and benediction in the Lord.

Dearly beloved Brethren,

We come to-day with an urgent appeal to your filial love for the Sovereign Pontiff; we feel confident that you will, one and all, respond most heartily...

Rome is not the only city, nor is Italy the only country to claim the constant attention of him who bears the noble title of Christ's Vicar on earth.

Alms certainly come to him from various sources; a little at a time for the year round; what could he do with it otherwise?

Our works of benevolence are numerous, and we would not wilfully overlook the least among them.

Many of the older members of the faithful remember the great movement inaugurated, the world over, forty years ago in view of assisting the Holy Father, the work known as "Peter's Pence."

"Peter's Pence" is a work worthy of our deepest admiration; a work which was upheld through centuries of faith, but which has been sadly neglected in late years.

comes a magic word, a battle cry, a motto which the pulpit, the Tribune, and the press have re-echoed from one end of the world to the other.

The impulse was general. The very first year, the Bishop had the consolation of pouring into the pontifical treasury more than \$20,000 in the name of his diocese.

Many a change has come upon the world since then, Dearly Beloved Brethren, and the request made by our Venerable Predecessor is more urgent than ever.

Peter's Pence still exists among us, but it falls very short of what it was in the early days of the suffering Church.

We earnestly beg that all may take this matter of faith and piety deeply to heart, that it may become an object of emulation among you, and that we may have the legitimate pride of seeing you set forth as models to other nations, and other countries.

Our appeal goes out to the most retired country settlements as well as to the wealthy parishes of our city. Let parents set aside a part of their income and salaries for the holy alms; let them enlist their sons and daughters in the noble work and take into account the very infant in its cradle.

Believe us, Dearly Beloved Brethren, far from being a hindrance to the progress of our religious and national works, our generosity toward the Holy Father will render them all the more prosperous and flourishing.

As Bishop Bourget said, in his own poetic words:—"This Sacred Pence sent to the Supreme Pontiff from year to year will come back to us in blessings a hundredfold. It will resemble our own majestic St. Lawrence, which fertilizes in its course our rich and beautiful slopes and sends its waters into the Gulf, where they are absorbed by the sun's rays, and converted into beneficent clouds.

After invoking the holy name of God and consulting our Venerable Brethren, the canons of the Cathedral we have decided upon the following regulations:

(1) That Peter's Pence is henceforth to be regarded as one of the principal good works of the diocese of Montreal. All those who have special charge of souls will make it the object of their zeal and attention.

(2) The Reverend Clergy are invited to give at each annual retreat a sum equivalent to the offering received for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice.

(3) Motherhouses of religious communities of men and women as also each establishment belonging to those communities will please determine a certain amount annually to be contributed to the Holy See.

"Peter's Pence" said in "The Sacred Pence" the Pastoral Letter addressed to his people on that occasion is one of the most eloquent and soul-stirring writings he has left us.

Family, St. Ann, Children of Mary, St. Vincent de Paul, League of the Sacred Heart, and the Third Order of St. Dominic and St. Francis.

(5) We earnestly solicit the aid of all the Catholic Societies in Montreal in as far as their constitutions will allow.

(6) The University, the Seminaries, Colleges, Boarding and Parochial Schools will take part in the great movement, and we rely upon the initiative of the directors of these various institutions to further the good work.

(7) Citizens who are blessed with an abundance of God's gifts must naturally feel that they are in a position to give more generously; they are cordially invited to send their offerings to the Palace.

(8) The two Sundays already set apart for this collection have not been changed, but the alms should be taken up at even office of the day, and by members of the clergy if at all possible.

(9) We shall give our approbation and encouragement to Churchwardens who, with the consent of the parishioners, (and who can doubt of their good will in this matter) will add an annual contribution to the alms given by the faithful.

(10) The present pastoral will be put in force after January 1st, 1906. All offerings should be directed to Very Rev. Canon Martin, Archbishop's Palace, during the year. The Sunday collections should be sent in the course of the week that follows said collections.

By this organization, simple in itself, but which requires the good will of all, we shall be able to help our Holy Father in his noble mission among men. We shall thus console his fatherly heart, and merit for ourselves, our families, and the diocese in general that blessing which will be for us the pledge of a glorious immortality.

The present letter shall be read in all the churches and chapels where the divine office is celebrated; at the Chapter of all the religious communities. It shall also be referred to in brief the Sunday previous to that on which the collections are to be made.

Given at Montreal, under our sign and seal and the countersign of our Chancellor, the 29th day of October, one thousand nine hundred and five.

PAUL, Arch. of Montreal. By order of His Grace, EMILE CANON ROY, Chancellor.

The Pope and the Peace Conference.

Although there has been no official exchange of notes in connection with a participation of the Holy See in the second Hague Conference, our papers have taken place, partly at The Hague, partly in Rome. It will be remembered that when the first Hague Conference was convened in January, 1899, the Czar, who was in cordial relations with Leo XIII., sent a circular note, which explained his intentions, to the Holy See, as well as to all the Powers.

The Peloux Cabinet, then in power in Italy, took the ground that the presence at the Conference of a Papal representative would be offensive to the Peninsula, as it would be interpreted as a recognition of the Pope as a Temporal Sovereign.

The Dutch Government, the Vatican could not show any resentments towards Russia, but only towards Holland, and more especially against M. de Beaufort, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In sign of protest Leo XIII. withdrew from The Hague his Interuncio, Monsignor Tarnassi, who has not been replaced.

Whatever you do, do not judge people hastily; try and judge them as you would wish them to judge you.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SYNOD.

Message to Ireland—Address to the Irish Bishops.

Among the documents issued by the Third Plenary Council of the Church of Australia is the following:

"To the Venerable Hierarchy of Ireland.

"Your Eminence, My Lords,—

"Our common interests regarding the Sacred Ministry, together with our ties of kindred and sympathy, all the dearer because of absence, prompt us assembled in this Third Plenary Council of Australia, to send you this joint message of greeting.

"Since the date of our last Plenary Synod—A.D. 1895—several prelates have been gathered, as we trust, to the Society of the just made perfect, but the work of our Master continually goes on in peace, and, thank God, in prosperity.

"The Holy Spirit pours forth upon our children His choicest graces, leading many of them to embrace and to adorn the clerical and the religious state. Religious schools increase in number and efficiency; orphanages, hospitals, and other institutions inspired by Christian charity, are to be found in all cities and towns.

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"We reflect on the contention of our illustrious countryman, Edmund Burke: The advantages of the subject should be considered as their right, and all reasonable wishes as so many claims."

"Venerable Brethren,—The struggle for sound enlightenment and national progress, followed out on the lines of religion, liberty, and justice, shall be crowned with a glorious victory in God's own time.

"We remain in sincere attachment "Your Lordships' brethren in J.C., PATRICK F. CARDINAL MORAN, Archbishop of Sydney, and Delegate Apostolic.

"For the Prelates of the Third Plenary Council of Sydney."

Father Valentine Preaches Remarkable Mission.

To those who had the pleasure as well as privilege of attending the mission conducted by Father Valentine, about two years ago, in St. Patrick's Church, this city, the following, which we take from the Catholic Standard and Times, will certainly be of interest:

A most extraordinary event has just been concluded at the Church of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Baltimore. For the past week Rev. Father Valentine, of the Passionist Order, has been lecturing each evening to a crowded audience, the majority of which were non-Catholics.

This movement in the Church is comparatively new, and positively novel in the city of Baltimore. Its object, as stated by Rev. Father Valentine in his opening address, is not primarily to make converts to the Church, but to give all well-minded people outside the Church an opportunity of learning from an accredited source what the Catholic Church really is, and, incidentally, what she is not.

The audience increased steadily from the first night, because all who heard Father Valentine once were glad to return and bring their friends with them to share their pleasure.

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN ENGLAND.

LETTER FROM THE POPE

The following letter has been addressed by the Pope to the Archbishop of Westminster:

"To Our Venerable Brother, Francis Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, Health and Apostolic Benediction.

"In Our vigilance as Supreme Pastor We have not failed to attend to the gravest of all matters about which the Catholics of England are at present anxious, the endeavor, namely, to safeguard and maintain their schools in conformity with the belief and profession of the Catholic Faith.

"To the Cardinal Archbishops of Westminster praise is certainly due for the great earnestness with which during the last five-and-thirty years the faithful in England have most strenuously defended their Catholic schools, asserting, above all things, the necessity that the education of the young should be of a religious character.

"Wherefore, We earnestly exhort the Catholics of England to strive for this most praiseworthy object, and to those most of all do We address this exhortation who give their distinguished aid as writers in books and in the public press.

"In your pleading for this cause you will not, We are sure, fail to be helped by the approval and good will of many even who are not of the Catholic Faith, for, though they do not demand all that Catholics must ask for, it is well known that they agree with you as to the religious education of the young.

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