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Cardinal Sarto at Rome Before the Conclave

(From a special contributor.)

Cardinal Sarto arrived at Rome at 7.30 on Monday morning, the 27th of July, 1903. He went to lodge at the Pontifical Seminary for the dioceses of Upper Italy, 51 Giancchino Belli street. In this seminary, the rector of which is Monsignor Lualdi, Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan, had also taken up his abode on his arrival a few days before. The community warmly welcomed the Cardinal Patriarch, who was accompanied by his secretary, Monsignor Bressan, and by his valet, Giovanni, a native of Abbiadegrosso. Apartments consisting of a bedroom and study were prepared for Cardinal Sarto on the third story of the Seminary. During the five days that preceded the Conclave the life of the future Pope was simple and retired. In the morning he rose early and celebrated Mass in the community chapel, at which all the Seminarists were present. Afterwards His Eminence drank a cup of coffee and milk, in which he dipped a crust of bread. He then retired to his study and attended to his private correspondence.

Without calling on the aid of his secretary he wrote some letters in a neat, clear hand. Towards 9 o'clock each day he drove to the Vatican with Cardinal Ferrari to attend the meetings of the Congregations in preparation for the Conclave.

The Patriarch returned to the Seminary about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and if the Seminarists had not already dined he took dinner with them. Otherwise he dined with Cardinal Ferrari in the community refectory. The meals consisted of the frugal fare customary in the Seminary, no addition whatever being made to the menu. After dinner Cardinal Sarto conversed amiably with the priests and the Seminarists. He related anecdotes of his life in Venice, spoke of the city and its monuments, of historical and scientific studies, showing always though unaffectedly a great erudition. Once referring to the collapse of the Campanile of St. Mark, he said that when in March of the present year, he had come to Rome for the Silver Jubilee of Pope Leo, the Holy Father said to him, "You have been the cause of our rebuilding, and on its summit the Golden Angel will glitter once more in the brilliant Venetian sun."

The Cardinal also spoke of Perosi, whom he had with him some years at Venice. He did not conceal his great admiration for the talents of the young maestro, and declared that the cost him no slight effort to part with the illustrious composer, that he could not have brought himself to do so if it were not for the fact that Perosi was going to Rome to assume the most honorable post of director of the Sistine Chapel choir. He questioned the Seminarists individually with charming courtesy about their studies and their aspirations. Towards 4 o'clock he retired to his bedroom and rested some time. Then he received some Venetian relatives, amongst others Monsignor Zanotti, professor of literature in the Roman Seminary, and Monsignor Poletti, professor of the study of Dante in the same Seminary. At 6 o'clock he took supper in the refectory, and afterwards joined in the recreation in the community room or common hall.

Before leaving the common hall Cardinal Sarto received three Ave Maria's and gave his blessing to all present. During his stay in the Seminary His Eminence made no visits, excepting to the Vatican for the Congregations. However, one afternoon he drove to the Basilica of St. Paul outside the walls.

The news of the election of Cardinal Sarto was received with great excitation by the Seminarists. That same day—4th August—Pius X. sent a most

kindly little note to Monsignor Lualdi saying that he would grant him an audience at 7.30 p.m. The rector of the Seminary went to the Vatican at the appointed hour. The second obediency, as it is called, of the Cardinals had just taken place. Pius X. consulted Monsignor Lualdi to the cell which he had occupied during the Conclave and spoke to him for some little time, charging the rector to convey his benediction "to those good Seminarists," and to say that he would often think of their College.

Monsignor Lualdi found the Pope a little weakened by the emotions of that momentous day. On the evening of the 5th of August a Solemn Te Deum was sung in the Seminary and all the windows were illuminated.

A letter from Cardinal Sarto stating the day and hour in which he would arrive at Rome has been framed and will be placed on the wall of the Seminary common room as a venerable document, and a precious souvenir of a memorable visit. At 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 6th of August, the rector conducted the public Seminarists to the Vatican, Pius X. having expressed a desire to see them.

In the Midst of Life we are in Death

The truth of these words were never verified more fully than by the sudden death of Rev. Father W. J. McCloskey, rector of the Seminary, on Aug. 19th, at the early age of 46 years. He was taken ill on Saturday evening, and at 11.30 a.m. Monday, despite medical aid, passed peacefully away, after having received the last rites of the Church.

His death is the loss to Peterborough diocese of one of its most energetic and zealous priests, and has cast a gloom over the entire community that will not be soon dispelled. Father McCloskey came to Campbellford from Wooler parish about eight years ago, and during his stay here had become widely known and highly respected. He was very charitable and kind-hearted, and was considered by each member of his congregation as a personal friend. As a parish priest he was very successful. The debt of the church property when he came here though considerable, was soon paid off, and when the old church building was destroyed by fire a few years ago, he built the present beautiful stone structure of which he was justly proud.

On the arrival of His Lordship Bishop O'Connor of Peterborough on Tuesday, it was decided to bury the deceased priest beside the church, which he had labored so zealously to construct. The body was then removed to the church, where it remained until burial at 12 o'clock Wednesday, during which time it was viewed by large throngs representing all classes of the community.

The funeral took place on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and was largely attended, the church being filled with people, many of whom had come from a distance. The Mass, which was a Solemn Requiem, High Mass, coram episcopo, was celebrated by Rev. W. J. McCloskey, of Peterborough, with Rev. M. J. McGuire, of Wooler, as deacon, Rev. J. S. Quinn, of Chesterville, sub-deacon, and Rev. J. H. Coty, of Hamilton, master of ceremonies. The eulogistic eulogy was completely filled with members of the clergy—showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held by his fellow-priests. Those of the clergy present were: His Lordship Rt. Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough; Very Rev. J. Browne, V. G., Douro; Rev. Archdeacon D. J. Casey, Lindsay; Rev. Dr. J. T. Kelly, Toronto; Rev. Father P. Conway, Norwood; J. Keilty, Bourke; W. J. McCloskey, Peterborough; C. Duffas, Kingston; P. Twohey, Trenton; P. J. McGuire, Hastings; J. S. Quinn, Chesterville; C. Bretherton, Downeyville; T. Scanton, Grafton; M. J. McGuire, Wooler; T. B. O'Connell, Burnley; J. H. Coty, Hamilton; M. F. Fitzpatrick, Ennismore; J. J. O'Sullivan, Victoria Road; J. Phelan, Yonkers; P. O'Leary, Galway; T. P. O'Connor, Kempsville; F. J. O'Sullivan, Lindsay; J. O'Brien, Peterborough; J. Murtha, Marmora, and J. Hanley, Belleville.

The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Teefy, Principal of St. Michael's College, Toronto. Dr. Teefy's sermon was most eloquent and profoundly affected the large congregation. He said he had known the deceased well, first as a diligent student and later as a zealous priest. He expressed deep sympathy not only with the deceased's relatives, but also with the congregation of St. Mary's Church in the loss they had sustained.

After Mass the body was borne in procession to the plot beside the church which had been selected for its final resting place. His Lordship the Bishop and the clergy led the procession followed by the deceased's relatives and the members of the Campbellford Branch of the C. M. B. A., of which Father McCloskey had been long a member. Bishop O'Connor officiated at the graveside and the coffin was lowered into the ground amid the sorrowing of the deceased's bereft friends and congregation. Those of the dead priest's relatives who live at a distance were unable to attend, but his four brothers, Patrick, James, Francis and Thomas, as well as his two sisters, Anna and Mrs. Moriarty, and his aged mother, all of whom live at Chesterville, were present.

Rev. Father McCloskey was born Sept. 12, 1856, at Chesterville, Ont., being one of the youngest sons of a

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Pope Pius X Likely to Carry on the Policy of Leo XIII.

Rome, Aug. 5.—Is he a Pius VII. or a Pius IX.? Jacob's darling son Benjamin is Leo XIII's successor. In 1901, after the operation for the cyst of the Holy Father received Cardinal Orsini and said to him, smiling: "You wished to have a Conclave. This latter Leo XIII. called among his friends, the preparation for the Conclave from which would come the Elisha upon whom his mantle would descend. In that Conclave, as every one knows, the Pope created Cardinals a big batch of Italian Archbishops and Bishops; out of eleven Cardinals only one was a foreigner, and that creation it was that brought about in the provinces the election of Pius X. It was a triumph of the provinces over the Curia, the preponderance of the hierarchy over diplomacy. On the morrow of that historic Conclave Leo XIII. pointed out the Patriarch of Venice to a Cardinal and said: "There is my successor."

Leo XIII. was fond of Cardinal Sarto, for he liked all the men whom he had picked out and selected personally. Pius X. was buried in his country parish priest's house at Salzano in the Venetia territory, where he had led a calm and beneficent life up to his fortieth year. In 1884 Leo XIII. appointed him Bishop of Mantua, from which he advanced to Patriarch of Venice in 1893. He showed himself to be a wonderful administrator, a father of the people, his crystal soul, his heart of gold, his angelic piety, his popular activity, his expeditions among the people and the seamen, his affability, won the hearts of the people. He was the Pope of the peasants and the gondoliers before becoming the Pope of Christendom.

The Government respected his personality and his office. The popularity of the Patriarch disarmed hostility. At the beginning of his incumbency he had to endure the persecutions of Signor Crispi, then President of the Council. The "dictator" dared to set his hand on that venerable head. In former times the Popes had granted to the House of Hapsburg the privilege of nominating the Patriarch of St. Mark's. On entering Venice the King of Italy demanded that this favor should be continued. But the Pope declined, he knew not the "King of Rome," and the conquest had out an end to the Austrian right.

Victor Emmanuel II. and Humbert I., easy-going and not quarrelsome, bowed before the firmness of Pius IX. and Leo XIII.; but on his second return to power, in 1893, after the rebellion in the "isle of fire," the Sicilian Crispi had the audacious pretension of being the appointer of the Patriarch of Venice. It was a vain effort. The Prime Minister suspended the episcopal stipend and the ecclesiastical salaries. He thought he had to do with an Abbe Constantin, gentle and weak. The "good curate" concealed under his smiling and attractive good nature, indefinable firmness. "Let him strike," said the Patriarch, "I can wait, I will wait."

He told me himself, long after the conflict, how it all happened. I saw under that mask of graciousness a front of bronze. "They will yield," he added, and in fact a few days later Signor Crispi granted the exequatur. That is a moral law that is often perceived in such tranquil and serious natures, full of evangelical kindness and generous, popular fervor. He has shown the same energetic and persevering will in the case of Dom Perosi, the maestro of genius. The young priest, who heard voices, met in society and among the clergy, a steady, persistent hostility. To compose oratorios, to perform in public halls music that was almost profane, to make a show of himself and in a way to give up the ecclesiastical restraint and dignity, what a scandal that was! But the Cardinal covered the maestro with his authority and genius spread its golden wings.

In his episcopal career two characteristics gave his work a personal mark; he commended the encyclicals of Leo XIII. and he helped to remould the "Opera di Congressi."

His pastorals explained in popular

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language the sublime teaching and lofty thoughts of Leo XIII. He was the fervent popularizer of the Papal policy. Short, striking, clean, strong, and sensible, his words won men's hearts. In this respect, with his literary genius and subtlety, he reminds one of Fenelon's familiar homilies, just as his watchful kindness brings up the memory of the Archbishop of Cambrai. His smile and the lighting up of his face showed the fulness of the joy with which he hailed the encyclical Rerum Novarum, and the socialist policy of the Holy See.

I have heard him celebrate in the Vatican that appeal to the fraternity and the uplifting of the people. "These," said he, "are the latest political and social incarnations of the Gospels." He taught that the Church of God must be understood by the poor in spirit. It must be shown to the multitudes, with, in its train, the rich who are good and who preserve their devotion to it and do not ask it to give up its independence to them. Then those who have deserted the temple, with those who have never entered it, will try in vain to rouse the masses by denouncing the perils of clericalism.

The pious and amiable Patriarch counted on such preaching to fill the churches, to seal the alliance between the Church and democracy, according to the prophecies of Chateaubriand, of Lamartine, of Lamennais, of Ketteler and of Manning. So when, two years ago, Leo XIII. re-organized the "Opera dei Congressi" on a popular basis, Cardinal Sarto offered to aid at the very beginning. In this new arrangement of the Guelph party Leo XIII. put at the head of the central committee "young men" and democrats. By uniting all the Catholic forces on this ground of social and popular action the Pope hoped to create and establish the model for the great federation of associations and of men for all lands. With his strongly hierarchical feeling and his docility, the Patriarch of Venice aided the effort of the Christian democracy; he modelled his committees after the Roman organization, Count Paganuzzi, the conservative, disappeared; the Cardinal pushed upon the stage Toniolo, Medolago, Vercesi, Grosoli, Meda, the pick of fighters from whom the Italian Church awaits the salvation of society, through the advent of justice and reconstruction from the bottom.

Pius X. from this point of view will be a living and ardent executor of the doctrines and efforts of Leo XIII. He has breadth of views; his popular voice will be listened to by the crowd, the Vatican will become the Sinai of the multitude. His wisdom, his winning gentleness and his loyalty to the Holy See brought to the former parish priest the favor and affection of Leo XIII. He was beaming whenever he came from one of his long interviews with the Pope. The Patriarch used to tell the old man, full of great things and of great ideas, about the working of the hishopric, the social movement, the joy with which Venice and her people loved the Pope, through the Cardinal, his echo and intermediary. One day he said, "The Pope is very queer, he never speaks to me without predicting that I shall wear the tiara!" It seems to me that with his intuition, his infallible sense of opportunity, Leo XIII. was trying to train this Benjamin, this beloved favorite, to continue his Pontificate. He foresaw that in the coming Papacy it would be necessary to substitute for the initiating Pope an administering Pope, who should carry out, gently and patiently, the immortal ideas of the preceding reign. Pius X. will frame the picture Leo XIII. painted, and will give it the final touches.

Another point deserves special mention. The firmness of the Patriarch toward Crispi, the force joined to gentleness he has shown, and his close intimacy with the masses and the poor, seem to presage that if Pius X. will not modify the attitude of the Papacy toward nations, toward France, for instance, he may change its conduct toward Governments. Pius X. will continue the work of Leo XIII. after the manner of Pius VII.

The Pope and Ireland. Rome, Aug. 15.—This afternoon the Pope received in private audience Sir Thomas Esmonde, the representative of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

When Sir Thomas tried to kneel the Pope prevented him from doing so and pointed to a chair beside him. On Sir Thomas Esmonde presenting the congratulations of the Irish Party and people on the accession and coronation of Pope Pius X., His Holiness with the greatest affability expressed his pleasure and joy at such a message, saying that he had a sincere affection for Irishmen and that he wished them every happiness.

Afterwards the Pontiff received the Rev. J. J. Ryan, Vice-President of the College of Thurles, who presented congratulations from the Most Rev. Thomas Fennelly, Archbishop of Cashel, and from the clergy and people of Cashel. The Holy Father expressed himself as most gratified with their congratulations.

Month's Mind For The Late Mrs. Foy. A Requiem High Mass of month's mind for the late Mrs. J. J. Foy was sung in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes on Tuesday morning by Rev. Father Cruise.

PERSONAL. Mr. J. J. Seitz has removed to his new home, No. 18 Isabella street.

Reckless Rumors Denied

Father Maturin Declares That He Has Found in the Catholic Church all He Desired.

The following letters appear in the New York Sun: To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: Several years ago one of the best-known of the Ritualistic clergymen, the Rev. Basil W. Maturin, one of the "Cowley Fathers," who had been rector of St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia, became a Catholic. Of late some industrious person has been busily spreading rumors that he was dissatisfied in the Catholic Church, and statements to that effect have appeared in the diocesan paper of a High Church Western diocese. As I had known Father Maturin very well when we were both Anglicans, I brought the matter to his attention and have received from him the following letter, which I am sure will be read with great interest by his many friends in America. JESSE ALBERT LOCKE. Ventnor, Isle of Wight, Aug. 11.

Dear Mr. Locke—You ask me if there is any truth in the rumors which you say are very persistent in America that I am inclined to return to the Church of England.

I am sure such rumors cannot have their origin from any of my American friends who have known me or heard from me since I became a Catholic, and how any persons can take it upon themselves to say such things merely because they imagine them or wish them to be true, I cannot imagine. If they say them in order to influence others from doing as I have done I think their conduct can only be characterized by a very ugly word.

However, as you ask me, I will answer you. There is absolutely not one fragment of truth in such statements. I could not imagine any conceivable circumstances inducing me even to consider for a moment such a step. In fact, I have found in the Catholic Church all that I desire, and the question has for the last six years ceased to be a "question" with me any more. I am perfectly happy and at peace in the Roman Catholic Church. From the day I made up my mind and went to Beaumont to be received, the English Church melted before my eyes, and, as a Church, has never taken substantial form again. As Newman said, "I went by, and lo it was gone. I sought it, and its place could nowhere be found." B. W. MATURIN. St. Mary's Church, London, July 25.

Barrie Correspondence

Dean Egan's Garden Party.

Last Tuesday evening the second lawn party of the season in aid of St. Mary's Church, was held in the beautiful grounds at the Deanery. There were two tables, viz. Allandale and Barrie. Mesdames Soales, Cain and Lavin, assisted by the Misses Brennan, Barry, Carpenter and Soules managed the Allandale table, while the Barrie table was looked after by Mrs. Cameron, assisted by the Misses Marin, Carpenter, Clayton, Cameron and other young ladies.

The 35th Battalion Band, celebrated for its music, under the able leadership of Mr. Henderson, formed in playing the imitation of bag-pipe airs, which none could resist, attracted many to the grounds, and pleasing all with its artistic music.

The Ancient Order of Forersters were here in convention at the time and attended in large numbers, buying up everything saleable.

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