

WHAT ARE CARDINALS?

The Origin of the College and the Duties of Its Members.

So much has appeared in the daily papers lately about the new honors, which, it is said, are to be conferred upon Mr. Martinielli that the following account, culled from trustworthy sources, may be interesting. And it should be here noted that a Cardinal is "created," not appointed or elected, and the authority for such "creation" is solely from the Pope.

The derivation of the word "cardinal" is clearly from the Latin "cardo," a hinge, and according to this derivation one bearing this title is one of the permanent clergy of the church round which the whole governmental structure works.

The origin of the College of Cardinals is obscure, but it is certain that in the year 301 Pope Marcellus instituted parish churches in Rome, and "titles," as they were called, and committed the charge of them to clergy, known as "cardinal priests."

Rome, under Augustus, was divided into fourteen "regiones," and over these and the various charitable and other institutions which they contained were appointed seven deacons—the apostolic number afterwards increased to fourteen—who, having a fixed charge, became known as cardinal deacons.

The Pope was at first the only Cardinal Bishop, but he was assisted in his deliberations by several neighboring prelates, and this was the start of the six Cardinal Bishops.

The number of Cardinals has varied at different periods, but there have never been more than seventy, a number fixed in the year 1586, and consisting of six Cardinal Bishops, fifty Cardinal Priests and fourteen Cardinal Deacons. The Bishops assume the titles of the old suburban sees of Rome, and the Priests those of the "titles," or "parishes," of the Holy City. The dignity of the office grew, and the duties attached thereto were diminished, and finally abolished, the Cardinals becoming the Pope's assistants and constituting the "Senators of the Roman Church."

The majority of the Cardinals have been and are Italians, but almost all nations are represented in the college. The creation of a new member is announced by the Pope in consistory, but the name is not made known until the succeeding assembly. If resident in Rome, he receives the red biretta, and the hat is publicly put on later. If non-resident, the hat is sent, but the new Cardinal must swear to visit the tombs of the Apostles at Rome within a year.

At a third consistory his "mouth is shut," that is, he is forbidden to speak at meetings, but at a fourth the prohibition is removed, and receiving his ring and "title" the new Cardinal is duly created.

If a Cardinal be not in deacon's orders at the time of his creation, according to Canon 21, he must receive such orders at once; at the time of a consistory, no such member of the college may vote for the election of a new Pope.

The famous red hat—red to remind the wearer to be ready for martyrdom—is now the distinguishing mark of Cardinal rank, and is said to be similar to the "biretta" or "biretrum," once worn by Irish doctors. But it would seem that a hat of the same shape was originally worn by all prelates, if not by all the clergy. The differences of rank were marked by the number of tassels, which varied from one to the five—or perhaps seven sometimes—of the Cardinal. One writer says the broad brimmed Cardinal's hat is derived from the umbrella of the savage, and signifies power or dominion.

The duties of a Cardinal cannot be called arduous. During the life of a Pope he must "take an active part in the government of the Universal Church, and though the Pope is not bound to do so, he generally consults and asks the concurrence of the members. In its associations with the rest of the world the college forms, it is said, an unrivaled "school in the science and art of governments in all its forms."

If the Papacy be vacant the Cardinals are responsible for the safekeeping of the Church, and they must see to the maintenance of order until the assembly of a new conclave for the election of a new Pope. Formerly the Popes were elected on the decision of the six Cardinal Bishops, "with the assent of the Roman clergy, the applause of the people and the ratification of the emperor." But it will be easily understood that in time the influence of the Cardinal Priests and Deacons among the clergy became paramount, and finally the election of Pope rested in the hands of the Cardinals alone.

Catholic Hierarchy

How the Catholic Church is Governed To-day.

In the hierarchy of the Catholic Church to-day there are eleven patriarchs, 225 archbishops, and bishops of the Latin rite with sees, forty-nine archbishops and bishops of Oriental rites, 367 titular bishops, seven archbishops and bishops without sees, and ten prelates nullius dioceses. These figures mark and increase during the present Pontificate of two patriarchs, thirty-one archbishops, 201 bishops, 301 titular bishops, and two prelates nullius dioceses. Moreover, His Holiness has created three Apostolic Delegations, sixty-one Vicariates Apostolic, and four Prefectures Apostolic. The record is truly a glorious one, and shows the marvellous vitality of the Catholic Church after nineteen centuries, and of her Supreme Pontiff after nine decades of existence.

Press despatches from Pittsburgh say that at the monthly meeting of Bishop Phelan and his councillors on Monday afternoon announcement was made of the election of a new See of Altoona. It was further stated that the official documents from Rome were in the hands of Archbishop Ryan. Inquiry at the archiepiscopal residence elicited the information that no definite announcement in regard to the matter is available at this time.

OBITUARY.

MRS. O'BRIEN.

Mrs. Michael O'Brien, who, since 1817 had been a resident of Peterborough, succumbed to a severe illness from pneumonia last week at her home, 342 Downey Street. The deceased lady came from Ireland over fifty years ago with her husband, who predeceased her. There now survive her two sons, Messrs. John and Michael, of Peterborough, and three daughters, Mrs. Shannon, of Saginaw, Mich., and two others, unmarried, residing at home. Mrs. O'Brien was 81 years of age.

The funeral took place on Thursday at 9 p.m. from her late residence, Downey Street, to the Roman Catholic Cemetery. May her soul rest in peace.

JAMES GIBBONS, ST. AUGUSTINE.

The angel of death again visited this parish and bore away one of our highly esteemed young men in the person of James Gibbons. The deceased, who from early boyhood had the noble aspiration of becoming a mediator for the people in the dignity of the priesthood, devoted his talents for several years to the liturgy of Our Holy Mother Church. Having taken his classical course at Assumption College, Sandwich, where his amiable disposition endeared him to teachers and pupils, he commenced the study of theology in the Grand Seminary, Montreal. When there about two years his health failed and for the past year he has been suffering from a complication of diseases.

In September of last year he visited the sanitarium in Santa Fe, New Mexico, cherishing the hope that with the change of climate and under the treatment there his health would improve. While there he suffered from malaria. However, he remained there till two weeks previous to his death. His sufferings were the most intense, but he cheerfully accepted the cross of our Heavenly Father and endured all with true Christian fortitude, till relieved by death at 9.30 p.m. on the 1st inst.

On the 4th inst., at 10.30 a.m., the remains, accompanied by a very large procession, were borne to the church and were met by the worthy pastor, Rev. J. Hanlon and Rev. W. McCormick, of Kingsbridge. After solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the former and an impressive sermon given by the latter, the remains were interred in the cemetery. Six brothers of the deceased acted as pallbearers. The many friends and acquaintances extend their heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing, and all unite in the prayer for the faithful departed. Requiescat in pace.

SISTER MAY VICTORINE DUFFY.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Sister May Victorine, of Nazareth Convent, Rochester, N.Y., whose demise occurred after an illness of about five months. For many years Sister Victorine taught in the Convents of Rochester, Elmira, and Auburn, N.Y., having a special class in painting, she being an artist of no mean ability. She was much beloved by her pupils, for her kindly manner, and the interest she always manifested in the advancement of those under her charge.

Her deathbed was surrounded by her loving Sisters in Religion, and her last moments were soothed by the consolation of Holy Mother Church. The funeral took place from the Normal School on Friday, March 1st, where Solemn High Mass of Requiem was sung by Rev. Father Hickey, Vicar-General of the Diocese, assisted by a number of priests from the seminary. Many of her old friends and pupils attended the mass and funeral, amongst them being her particular friend, Miss Lula O'Bryan, of Auburn, N.Y., and her cousins, Messrs. J. W. and M. F. Mogan, of Toronto, Ont. Deceased leaves to mourn her loss: Her beloved father, Mr. Michael Duffy; her sisters, Mrs. Joseph Flennor and the Misses Emma and Eleanor Duffy, her brother, Mr. Wm. Duffy. We loved her during life; let us not forget her in death. Requiescat in pace.

TIMOTHY O'CONNOR.

Ex-Ald. Timothy O'Connor, who had been confined to St. Joseph's hospital, Guilford, for some sixteen days with typhoid fever and other complications, passed away at that institution last Wednesday. The deceased was a member of one of the pioneer families in the section. His parents came from Castle Island, near Killarney, in 1830, and settled on a bush farm near the now thriving village of Rockwood. Seven years later he was born on this farm, and had resided in the vicinity up to the time of his death. He was widely known in Wellington County and the adjoining counties of Halton and Waterloo, and highly esteemed. He had a reputation for honesty and uprightness in all his transactions. For two years he represented St. George's Ward at the City Council, and discharged his duties fearlessly. He was genial, warm-hearted, open-handed and sympathetic, and a special favorite with those who knew him well and enjoyed his society. In politics he was a Conservative, but his views were broad and liberal. In religion he was a devoted Catholic and a regular attendant of the church of Our Lady. He was unmarried. Three brothers survive—Joseph, who is lying ill in New York; Judge O'Connor, of Sault Ste. Marie, and William, of Guilford.

Judge O'Connor had returned to the Soo, thinking that his brother was on a fair way to recovery, but was intercepted by a telegram and came back in time to be present at his brother's bedside at the moment of final dissolution. R. L. P.

MGR. BESSONIES.

Right Rev. Mgr. Bessonies, vicar general of the diocese, died on Friday last, at the great age of 86 years. Sixty-one years ago Mgr. Bessonies began his life work as a priest of God.

The Federal Life Assurance Company OF CANADA.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the shareholders of this company was held at its head office in Hamilton on Thursday, the 7th instant. In the absence of the president through illness, Mr. William Kerns, vice-president, was appointed chairman and Mr. David Dexter, secretary.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The directors presented their annual report, as follows:—Your directors have the honor to present the report and financial statement of the company for the year which closed on the 31st December, 1900, duly vouched for by auditors.

The new business of the year consisted of fourteen hundred and forty-two applications for insurance aggregating \$2,094,735, of which thirteen hundred and ninety applications, for \$1,995,985, were accepted, applications for \$98,750 were rejected or held for further information.

As in previous years, the income of the company shows a gratifying increase, and the assets of the company have been increased by \$211,130.12, and have now reached \$1,271,310.92, exclusive of a guarantee capital. The security for Policyholders, including guarantee capital amounted at the close of the year to \$2,149,053.92, and the liabilities for reserves and all outstanding claims, \$1,123,738.07, showing a surplus of \$1,025,315.85. Exclusive of unutilized guarantee capital, the surplus to Policyholders was \$147,002.85.

Policies on sixty-five lives became claims through death, to the amount of \$101,507.38, of which \$12,500 was re-insured in other companies. Including cash dividends and dividends applied to the reduction of premiums, \$23,079.23, with annuities, \$2,929.56, the total payments to policyholders amounted to \$170,813.58.

Careful attention has been given to the investment of the company's funds, largely on mortgage securities and loans on the company's policies, amply secured by reserves. These investments have yielded results better than the average results of insurance companies doing business in Canada. Expenses have been confined to a reasonable limit, consistent with due efforts for new business.

The field officers and agents of the company are intelligent and loyal and are entitled to much credit for their able representation of the company's interests. The members of the office staff have also proved faithful in the company's service.

Having decided to increase the guarantee or subscribed capital to \$1,000,000, the amount authorized by our act of incorporation, your director issued on 12th November last the balance of 3,000 shares, at a premium of 40 per cent. on the amount called. These shares were allotted to and taken by the existing shareholders. Though the call of 213 per share was required only in bi-monthly instalments, the greater portion of it was paid before the close of the year.

The assurances carried by the company now amount to \$12,176,282.20, upon which the company holds reserves to the full amount required by law, and, in addition thereto, a considerable surplus, as above shown.

JAS. H. BEATTY, President. DAVID DEXTER, Managing Director.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Federal Life Assurance Company:—Gentlemen:—We have made a careful audit of the books of your Company for the year ending 31st December, 1900, and have certified to their correctness. The securities have been inspected and compared with the ledger accounts and are found to agree therewith. The financial position of your Company, as on 31st December, is indicated by the accompanying statement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. STEPHENS,
J. J. MASON, Auditors.

Hamilton, 1st March, 1901.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1900.

Premium income.....	413,794 76
Interest and rents.....	50,414 21
Capital stock.....	31,285 00
Premium on stock.....	15,600 00

Paid to Policyholders for Death Claims—

Endowments, surrender values and profits.....	170,813 58
Expenses, taxes, dividends and reinsurance premiums.....	146,552 35
Balance.....	193,748 04

ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1900.

Debentures and bonds.....	117,752 59
Mortgages.....	626,484 83
Loans secured by policy reserves.....	237,314 60
Cash in bank and other assets.....	289,808 81

LIABILITIES.

Reserve Fund.....	1,073,902 67
Claims unadjusted.....	25,937 37
Present value of claims paid by instalments not due.....	13,889 95
Present value of dividends applied on temporary reductions of premiums.....	10,013 08
Surplus.....	147,502 85

Guarantee capital.....

Surplus security.....	2,149,053 92
Policies were issued assuring.....	1,995,985 50
Total assurance in force.....	12,176,282 20

On motion of Mr. Kerns, seconded by Mr. T. H. Macpherson, the report was adopted.

The Medical Director, Dr. A. Woolverton, presented an interesting statistical report of the mortality of the company for the past and previous years. The retiring directors were re-elected, and at a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. James H. Beatty was re-elected President, Lieut.-Col. Kerns and Mr. T. H. Macpherson Vice-Presidents.

One year ago he celebrated his diamond jubilee. He sang the Solemn High Mass himself, assisted by a number of the most prominent clergy in the State. A dinner was tendered Mgr. Bessonies on that occasion by Bishop Chatard, at which all the priests of the city were present to do him honor.—Jadrianapolis despatch.

MRS. FLYNN, HULLETT.

Yesterday forenoon the six sons of Mrs. John Flynn bore her remains from the house in which she had lived for so many years to their last resting place in the Catholic cemetery. Very many friends had gathered to pay this tribute of respect to a woman who in life they had loved and whose personality will long remain green in their memory. Mrs. Flynn was a native of Ireland and came with her husband to Hullett in 1862 and took up the land upon which both remained until death called them home. Mr. Flynn passing away eight years ago. They were imbued with true Irish hospitality and their latch string ever hung out. Mrs. Flynn, who had reached the advanced age of seventy-five years, was a consistent member of the Catholic Church and, in the absence of the parish priest, Rev. Father McMenamin, who was called to Montreal by the illness of his mother, Rev. Father McCabe, of St. North, conducted the services at the funeral. The family of his good mother in Ireland are Owen, John and Andrew, at home, Dominick, near by; James, in Clinton; Hugh, in McKillop and Mrs. Patrick Glavin of McKillop also. Mrs. D. Shanahan, of Clinton, and Mrs. T. Lavin, of Hulbert, are sisters of deceased.—Exchange.

MOTHER MARY MARIANA DEAD

Mother Superior Mary Mariana is dead at the Sisters' Hospital, Los Angeles, Cal., aged seventy-one years. She was for many years in charge of a large orphan asylum at Richmond, Va., and was treasurer of the Order of Sisters of Charity of the United States. For the last twenty-three

years she has lived at Emmitsburg, Md. Recently she had been paying her yearly visit to the houses of the order, and arrived in Los Angeles from New Orleans a month ago ill with pneumonia. She rallied from this and ten days ago was stricken with paralysis. This was followed by two other strokes, the last of which ended her death.

Baltimore Conversions.

A Whole Family of Eleven come over to the Church.

An interesting ceremony took place last week at the Church of the Immaculate, Baltimore, when Mr. and Mrs. William Bandel and their nine children were baptized and received into the Catholic Church. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. J. F. Horne, C.M., the rector of the church, was witnessed by a large number of the immaculate Church congregation.

Preceding the ceremony of baptism Mr. and Mrs. Bandel and those children who have arrived at the age of reason went to the altar, where they made a public profession of their belief in the doctrines of the Catholic Church. Returning to the baptistry, the baptismal ceremony was performed. Rev. James Nick, C.M., was godfather, and Mrs. Mary Roehford was godmother.

The ages of the children range from 1 year to 13 years. Mr. and Mrs. Bandel and the older children had been under instruction for some time. The family lives at 1405 North Calhoun street. Mrs. Bandel said last night:—"My husband and I have been under instruction for some time. I was formerly a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Prince of Peace, at Wallbrook, and my husband had a leaning toward Presbyterianism, although he was not connected with any congregation. For a number of years my husband had been attracted by the Sisters of Charity, and began to study the doctrines of the Catholic Church on that account."

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Church Music.

The Cincinnati Commission Issues Its Reports.

The Cincinnati Diocesan Commission permanently organized for the purpose of examining and passing upon church music has just issued its second official catalogue. In this report we find that over 1,341 musical compositions have been dealt with and gives a complete list of the "accepted" and the "rejected." Twenty-five per cent. of the compositions were rejected. The work of this commission has received the endorsement of the Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation of Sacred Rites in a letter to the Most Reverend Dr. Elder, Archbishop of Cincinnati. His Grace the Archbishop in a circular letter to the Clergy and Laity of that diocese speaks out very plainly on the subject as follows:—"This is properly a continuation of the work begun in the first catalogue and it has the same authority. In this diocese no music must be sung at High Mass, nor at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, but the chants of the authorized liturgical books and the compositions approved in these catalogues."

"Almost all the compositions marked by this commission as rejected have been condemned because they are defective in the text, omitting words or whole sentences or transposing them in a way that alters or destroys the sense. . . . But now, after being officially notified of these defects, and authoritatively directed to avoid them if anyone should deliberately disregard this admonition there would be no room for excuse. It would certainly be a sin, moral or venial, as the case might be, to make use of any more of these mutilated compositions in the sacred functions. . . . There are, of course, other improvements much needed. One of the most obvious evils is the singing during the solemn moments—the Consecration and the Elevation of the Sacred Host; and, also, the interrupting of the Holy Sacrifice by protracted Benedictions that hinder the celebrant from intoning the Pater Noster; and again by a lengthened Agnus Dei, which delays the celebrant when he ought to sing the prayer of the Post Communion."

The foregoing has an authoritative application only in the Diocese of Cincinnati, but there is no telling how far its influence may extend. The secular report of the body that has just been made, and, like its predecessor, should be interesting and helpful to choir masters everywhere.

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REVIEWS.

The Catholic World Magazine opens its March number with an article on the Filipino Friars. The issue has also articles on Hupier; Spiritual Writers of Long Ago; by Father McSorley, C.S.P.; The Religious Orders in France; St. Francis de Sales; and The Statistics of Parish Schools. There are in addition some timely Lenten Stories.

Among the tributes paid to the life and work of Cardinal Newman, the centenary of whose birth was celebrated February 21st, is a beautifully illustrated article, opening the March number of Donohoe's Magazine. In "The Annunciation in Florence," Anna Seaton Schmidt describes the devotion of the Florentines to the Blessed Virgin, and their beautiful custom of erecting statues to her honor.

Other illustrated papers that will find interested readers are "The Irish-American Ambulance Corps," by Major Dudley Costello, and "The Closing of the Holy Year in Rome," by Marie Donegan Walsh.

RUTHVEN ON TRIAL.

The anti-Catholic lecturer Victor Ruthven, who on March 4th drew a revolver, to protect himself against an infuriated mob at Shanklin in the Isle of Wight, while Ruthven was delivering an anti-Catholic lecture, has been charged in the County Court at Newport, Isle of Wight, with shooting with intent to kill. Ruthven pleaded that he shot in self-defence. He was remanded to custody for one week.

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