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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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PRAYER OF LEO

For the Success of the Irish Race Convention.

THE BISHOP OF RAPHOE

Delivers an Historic Address as Chairman

The opening day of the great Irish The opening day of the great Irish convention stamped it as an assured success—the prayer of Pope Lee, the friend of Iroland and of freedom would alone have given to the historic gathering the weight and authority which a section of the chaos makers charged that it lacked: but the historic opening speech of the Bishop of Raphoe, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, will ring throughout Iroland, and throughout they are the prepared in Floand boyond the seas, and coment the people at home into one compained the unity of the parliament. npact force once more. This ac applished the unity of the parliament

complished the unity of the partiament ary perpositation must follow. It is a fact upon which the Irish people in Canada may congratulate themselves, that their representatives to the Convention have been accorded the the Convention have been accorded the place of honor and prominence alike by the Irish and other home delegates and by their fellow-delegates from over the

seas.

The Convention cannot now fail.

Thanks to the strougth and truly representative character of the delegates from the United States and from the British colonics, an attack made upon them by Mr. Redmond's paper as soon as they landed in Ireland has fallen harmless. They were stigmatized as "nobedies," "tourists" and "tramps." In self-defence they were compelled to instruct the secretaries of the united delegations to have the following letter published in the press:

Deart., August 31.

Dear Sir.—Will you perms: me through

Yours respectfully,
Jos. P. R.Yax, Seo. I. N. F. A.
P. F. Chemin, Sec. Canadian Delegation.
The press advocating Mr. Hoaly's
views did not attack the visiting dolegates; but every movement was watchof in order to lay a charge that they
had been "mobbed" by the Dillon
party. They were not even permitted
to meet Hon. Edward Blake socially
without the fact being commented upon
Mr. Blake is the one man in the Irish
party above suspicion or repreach, and
knowing this all the visiting delegates
were delighted to accept his invitation
of dinner at the Shelbourne hotel on
Baturday evening. The dinner was a
most onjoyable affair. In addition to
he gontlemen from the United States
and the British colonies there were
present: Mr. John Dillon, Mr. Michael
Davitt, Mr. T. P. O Gonnor Mr. William
O'Brien, Dr. Ambrose, Mr. Swift Mc.
Nolll, Mr. David Sheehy and other
prominent Irishnen. The host proposed the teast of "Ireland a Nation,"
which Hon. John Costigan responded to,
and there were no other speakers. The
Hosty press gravely informed the origogates from a dread on Montheld;" and
that the Conventions. They were
divised, and then would be a small
lode-sand that the Irish clorgy would
the state of thing the delogates from
outside Great Britain and Iroland hardwhom what to expect at the Couvetion. Meeting at the Shelbourne hotel
hay agreed to stand together among
themselves and go into the Convention
with open minds and independently.

A GREAT CONWENTION.

On Tuesday the long anticipated
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on Tuesday the long-anticipated horing assembled, and from start to all it was impressive, harmonious and piring. The hall was filled to its ut-ti capacity and the streets around a thronged. The noble message from

Pope 1-0 with which the Convention of the law was the foundation of the sace is which every word attered during the day augured for the success of the law and the law augured for the success of the law and the law augured for the success of the law augured for the success of the law augured for the success of the law augured for the success from dissension. It would be too long to tell of the number and representation of the clergy public bodies and national organizations in the hall.

The National League of Great Britain was fully represented, there being no fewer than three hundred delegates from England and Socialand. But the overwhelming majority of the degates amo from the several districts of Ire land. There were fourteen hundred representatives from the Irish National Federation branches in this country alone. There was a full representation of the provincial Corporations and the various maniegal bodies and Poor law boards of the country. Five Mayors, thrty Chairmen of Town Commissioners, and fifty Chairmen of Poor law boards of the country. Five Mayors, thrty Chairmen of Town Commissioners, and fifty Chairmen of Poor law boards were meluded in the representation. Such National organizations at the National Forestors, young Ireland Societies, and Grace Clubs, were also represented. The gathering was wholly one of Irishmon. It included Irishmen of all religions. A Catholic Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, pressled. The proposer of the first and most important series of resolutions was Mr. Afred Wobb Two great Canadian statesmon, the Hon. John Costigan and the Hon. Laward Blake, occupied seats on the front of the platform and beside thom were Mr. High Hyan, M. James J. Fay, and the other Canadian delegates. Indeed overly honer was shown the Canadians.

P. Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P.; and, after a brief in towal, Mr. Justin M'Carthy proposed that Dr. O Donnell Justical proposed that Dr. O Donnell Justical propose of the Secretaries were elected, and at the request of the Most Rev. Chairman

the heartfelt extruestness of the gathering.

THE PRAYER OF FORE LEG.

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\text{\text{Nnouncing}}\] the receipt of the message from the Holy Father the Chair man said: -Before any other business is done I have a joyful message for the Convention that ought to be delivered at once. Centuries age, when the two Hughs longht bravely for Irish freedom and freedom of conscience, as well as later on in the days of the Confederation of Kilkenny and of Owen Roo, Iroland had no more helpful friends than Paul V. Urban XIII., and Innocent X. Wellone one more

There's wine from the Royal Pope Upon the ocean green."

This great Convontion was summoned to oud Irish diseasoisu, and I hold in my hand a gracious message from the lilustrious Poutiff Loo XIII., just roccived through the distinguished Rector of the Irish College, Rome, in which his Holliness prays that dissensions may be ended. When you have heard the mossage in Latin and English, I shall leave it to the spontaneous act of the assembly to manifest its gratitude for such an oxalted favour. Loud cheering.

Ris Lordship then read the message in Latin:

BISHOP OF RAPHOR, DUBLIN:

Sanctissimus, bonum spirituale et temporale Hibernorum exoptans, finem dissensionum precatur.

And in English:—
The Holy Father, yearning for the piritual and temporal welfare of the Irish people, prays for the ond of discensions.
(Loud cheers and cries of "Long live the Pope.") Gentlemen (continued his lordship) the favour of such a Prince should not long remain without acknowledgment, and I wish to be empowered, if it be the will of this Convention. to send back the following message in the name of the Convention: The Norstonore Kelly, Collegio Brians.

Monsignore Kreev, Collegio Irlandese, Roma.

ESE, ROMA.

Conventus gentis Hibernice Sance tissime gratias agit amplissimas do verbis beniquissimis, qua uti favorem eximium, pacisque augurium folicis simum, una voca omnes acccipiunt delegati.

EPINOPUS RAPOTENSIS PRAFAES.
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