

LETTER FROM ROME

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Rome, July 2, 1899.

Nearly every day, since the creation of the new Cardinals, has seen a Cardinal take possession of his titular church. The Sacred College of Cardinals is divided into two general classes, one class of which comprises the Cardinal-Bishops, who are Bishops of the suburban dioceses of Rome. These dioceses are six in number. The other class includes the Cardinal-Priests and Cardinal-Deacons who possess a title over some church in the Eternal City. Such was formerly the jurisdiction exercised by Cardinals over their titular churches that Rome was said to be divided into as many dioceses as there were titular churches within her walls. Without stopping to consider whether or not this jurisdiction has been curtailed in recent times, it is still very evident that a Cardinal officiates in his titular church just as a Bishop does in his own diocese. His Eminence Cardinal Matthieu, took possession, last Sunday, of St. Sabina's Church, on the Aventine Hill. This ceremony attracted French society to the historic church. His Eminence preceded by a large number of Dominican Fathers, Prelates and College Rectors, entered the church at half-past five, and ascended the throne which stood beneath a gorgeous canopy. A seat of honor in the sanctuary was occupied by Mr. Misard, French Ambassador to the Holy See. A Vatican Prelate read the Papal Brief conferring the title of the church upon His Eminence. The Dominican Fathers with their Reverend Father General, then came forward to the Throne, kissed the Cardinal's ring and received the kiss of peace. The address of welcome was read in French by the General of the Dominican Order, and His Eminence made a very warm and eloquent reply. He made a touching allusion to his former diocese of Toulouse and to France, from which his new dignity has severed him. Through Mr. Misard, His Eminence sent a message of respect to the President of the French Republic, and eulogized France's ambassador to the Vatican. His Eminence paid a glowing tribute to the numerous priests and religious of France, who are doing such noble work in Rome. Finally the Cardinal expressed, with deep pathos, his affection and gratitude towards the Sons of St. Dominic and his veneration for the church and convent of St. Sabina, which, had been the religious nursery of the immortal Father Lacordaire. The Te Deum was rendered by a choir of men and boys' voices with full orchestral accompaniment. The Cardinal then imparted his blessing, an indulgence of 100 days was accorded to all present, and His Eminence withdrew to the convent.

Rome has celebrated the feast of her two apostles, Peter and Paul. The enormous crowds that visited St. Peter's Church on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday would make one

believe that every Roman found himself in duty bound to go and kneel at the Tomb of Peter. And bound they are, for the presence of St. Peter and St. Paul's sacred bodies in Rome, as St. John Chrysostom says, had made Rome the most illustrious of cities, and, in establishing among the Romans the Capital of Catholicity, St. Peter bequeathed them an immortality which the Romans would have sought for in vain from their pagan ancestry. Not forced by gratitude alone, but also attracted by faith, a large concourse visited St. Peter's on the 28th, and 29th of June. Over the main entrance of the Basilica a large globe of myrtle was suspended, representing the Fishermen's Net. The statue of St. Peter, near the Confession, was robed in a rich gold vestment and wore a tiara. The crowds were very dense around this statue. The Gendarmes formed themselves in such a manner as to allow only one person at a time to approach the statue. The tomb of St. Peter was especially resplendent with tapers, flowers and myrtle. Massive brass candelabras were ranged along the marble balustrade.

The ceremonies were held at the Altar of the Confession. The organs and choirs were placed at either side of this Altar, and from them issued forth the greatest music heard in St. Peter's this year. One organ loft had an orchestra accompanying its singing, and what was really wonderful was to see one conductor direct the two organs, orchestra and two choirs of Pauline Chapel Chanters. First Vespers were finished about eight o'clock, and all present immediately withdrew from the church because His Holiness was to come at half-past eight to pray at the tomb of St. Peter. Only the Papal Household is allowed to be present when Leo makes this little visit to St. Peter. His Holiness was accompanied by several domestic prelates and a detachment of his noble guards. After a short prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and at the Confession the Holy Father blessed the Palliums for Archbishops. These Palliums were then enclosed in a very rich case of gilded metal and placed in the Crypt on the tomb of St. Peter. His Holiness then recited in a low voice the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart, which prayer was composed by Leo himself. He remained a long time absorbed in a deep meditation at the tomb, and on the way back to the Vatican the Holy Father kissed the foot of St. Peter's statue. It was about 9:30 p.m. when the Pope returned to his private apartments.

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Notes of Irish News.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

TO PROTECT WORKINGMEN.—At a meeting of the Belfast Catholic Association in St. Mary's Hall, recently, Rev. A. Macaulay, P.P., St. Brigid's, in the chair, the following resolution was unanimously passed on the motion of Alderman James Dempsey, seconded by Mr. James McDonnell, P.L.C.:

"That we memorialize his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to direct the establishment of two police barracks in positions suitable for the same on the Co. Down and Co. Antrim sides of the river, on Harbor Commissioners' property, for the better securing the lives and persons of workmen employed in the several works from injury and molestation; and that copies of this memorial be forwarded to the Chief Secretary, Sir Andrew Reed, and the Belfast Harbor Commissioners."

Alderman Dempsey said that in 1864 a navy was driven into the slabs and murdered, and recently a workman was driven into the river. He turned out to be a Protestant, but that only strengthened their case. On other occasions Catholic excursionists had been attacked when sailing down the river. The police now in charge of the place, he maintained, were harbor police, and they were just as much an Orange body as was the old local police force of the city which had to be superseded by the R. I.C.

WHITE GLOVES.—Mr. Justice Andrews arrived from Dublin last week, at Drogheda, to open the Commission of Assize. Contrary to usual practice, there was no escort of mounted troops—perhaps on the score of econ-

omy. His Lordship said there was no criminal business, and he had received very favorable accounts of the peace of the town from the County Inspector. The Sheriff then presented his Lordship with the customary white gloves, emblematic of the stainless purity of the criminal calendar. His Lordship in accepting the presentation, thanked the Sheriff for the gift, and congratulated the county of the town of Drogheda on the very satisfactory state of things which he repeatedly found on his official visits; he would take away pleasant memories of that happy state of things.

CONVENT SCHOOLS.—Mgr. O'Doherty, during the course of an address, recently delivered, at the Loretto Convent, Omagh, said:

If Ireland enjoys a reputation above the rest of the world for the purity of her daughters and the virtue of her sons, it is not to the good mothers who trained them that they owe it? In the time of trial and temptation that "mother-made virtue" stands them in good stead, and prevents them from the commission of evil. But it is in our convents that most of those mothers have been educated, and thus, as from the aromatic islands of the East, the delicious odour of their spices is wafted on the breeze and delights the nuptial miles away from their shores, so from our convents is wafted that sweet odour of virtue which sheds its purifying influence over the length and breadth of the land. We wish then, every success to our Convent Schools; and we wish a special success to the Convent of Omagh, which has done so much good for the young in the past, and which

is still pursuing its beneficial career with undiminished vigor.

FOR A CONFERENCE.—The Armagh County Council has appointed a delegation of three members to meet in Dublin similar delegations from other County Councils. When Derry City and Armagh County can agree to meet the rest of Ireland in friendly conference remarks the "Irish News," upon matters of interest to the country, the hopes of a ripe development of local government are bright.

QUEEN'S COUNTY CLERK.—The office of Clerk of the Crown and Peace for the Queen's County, vacated by the death of Mr. Gilbert Kelly, has been conferred on Mr. Robert T. Fitzgerald, solicitor.

NEWSPAPER MAN DEAD.—Mr. Thomas Crosbie, proprietor and editor of the Cork Examiner, died at his seaside residence, Aghada, Co. Cork, July 1st. He had been suffering from heart troubles for two years, and had practically retired from active journalism for more than a year. He, however, appeared about his office when his health permitted. He was about 72 years of age. His death has created general regret in his native city, where he was most popular with all parties and creeds.

SPIRITED REMARKS.—At a demonstration of the people of Cavan, Fermanagh and Leitrim, held last week William O'Brien said:

"We are told that we must not be too extreme for fear of offending the loyalist farmers of the North, and what a glorious thing it would be if the Protestant and Catholic farmers of the North would unite on this subject. So it would; that has been the dream of Irish patriots for the last fifty years. But that union has never come off and will never come off until we have first carried the day without them. There is not a trace of religious bigotry in the Irish people. They will never question a man whether he is Catholic, Protestant or Presbyterian, if he will only be a good Irish Nationalist. A Wolfe Tone or a Parnell is as good a man in their eyes any day as an O'Connell. But I am sorry to say it is more moonshine to expect that those so-called loyalist farmers of the North will ever do an honest stroke to help us. Their only part in the victory will be bye-and-bye to come in and divide the spoils, as they did after the Land Act of 1881. The best and only way of making these new good Irishmen is to prove to them that we can do without them."

KILKENNY COLLIERIES.—At a meeting of the Athy Town Commissioners, the following resolution was adopted:

"That we, the Athy Town Commissioners, respectfully request the Government to give a grant in aid of the construction of a line of railway from the Kilkenny coalfields to Athy, thus giving direct communication with Dublin, thereby helping to develop one of the few Irish industries, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Secretary and all the Irish members of Parliament."

WHAT IRELAND PAYS.—A House of Commons return shows that Ireland's contribution to an aggregate of £121,410 received as Crown revenue in the year ending the 31st of March, 1899, is the highest received from any one part of the United Kingdom. The Crown rents and duties raised in Ireland during the year is question amounted to £37,142, 11s. 11d., as against a sum of £37,320 15s. 4d. received in the preceding year.

DIRECTORS APPOINTED.—The Lord Lieutenant has nominated the following gentlemen additional members of the first Committee of the Belfast District Asylum.

Most Rev. Dr. Henry, Lord Bishop of Down and Connor; Right Rev. Dr. Welland, Protestant Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore; Rev. Daniel A. Taylor, M. A.; Mr. Patrick Dempsey, J. P.; Mr. Jas. McCorry, J. P.; and Mr. Arthur Hamill, J. P.

SHRINE BOX RIFLED.—Recently the shrine box placed outside of the altar rails in Arles Catholic Church was found to have disappeared, and subsequently on search being made it was discovered on the organ gallery broken and rifled of its contents. Word of the robbery was conveyed to the Ballylinan police, and later a

man named John Hughes was arrested on suspicion by Head-Constable McNamee. Hughes was remanded by Mr. Furney, J.P., to Kilkenny Jail for eight days.

ORANGE RIOTS.—Recorder of Belfast, sitting in the Crown Court of the County Courthouse last week, heard applications for criminal injuries, as provided by the Local Government Act. There were 65 claims, the majority of which were for damage to glass caused by stone-throwers in the June riots. Forty-one of these claims were settled by consent, the amounts granted amounting to over £1,500.

MEMORIALS TO HEROES '98.—It would be very well indeed if the spirit displayed in the country with regard to National memorials were emulated in Dublin and Cork, says the Dublin Freeman. Foundation stones have been laid in both cities, but no practical effort has been made to complete the work. It is different in the country. Apathy has not followed the outburst of enthusiasm caused by the memory of the dead. Earnest, unostentatious, Nationalists in the smaller centres, the men on whom, when all is said, the safety of the National cause depends, say little but go on quietly with the business in hands. In Clonakilty, Co. Cork, splendid progress has been made with the monument to the memory of the gallant fellows who were alone in the South in striking a blow for the cause that fired the men of Wexford and Wicklow. And we are glad to say that the people of Sligo have erected at Carricknagat a memorial to Bartholomew Teeling and the brave Irish and French soldiers who took part in the battle of Carricknagat. It is an imposing monument, worthy of the object, the statue of the valiant Teeling, being 9 feet 6 inches in height, while the pedestal is 25 feet high and 9 feet 6 inches square at the base. The unveiling ceremony was performed on Sunday in the presence of thousands of the Nationalists of Sligo, Mayo, and Leitrim and once more in the unity of spirit and action exhibited by the people it was shown that the country is at heart united.

RELEASED PRISONER.—Monday morning, a week ago, James Fitzpatrick was released from Mountjoy Prison after undergoing 11 years and 4 months' imprisonment on the charge of the manslaughter of a man named Mooney in 1887. Fitzpatrick strongly protests his entire innocence of the charge and declares he had no meeting whatsoever with the person he is alleged to have killed. In fact about Carlou a strong conviction of the prisoner's innocence has always prevailed. A remarkable point favorable to the prisoner turned up subsequent to the trial. The principal witnesses all referred to the night of the occurrence as being moonlight. A subsequent reference to the almanac, however, disclosed the fact that there was no moon. Notwithstanding all efforts to secure clemency for the prisoner he was, however, retained in custody until now.

DEATH OF FATHER SHERIDAN.—The Very Rev. Patrick Charles Sheridan, P.P., of Bannow and Archdeacon of Ferns, died at his residence, Bannow, last week. The news was received with great sorrow in Wexford, where the venerable Archdeacon was well known and much beloved. He took no prominent part in politics and interested himself very little in affairs outside his own parish. He always led a quiet, retired life and was remarkable for his great humility and piety of disposition. He took a warm interest in all that concerned the welfare of his flock. Even their temporal affairs he was anxious to advance by every means in his power. Deceased was a native of Askenore, Co. Wexford, where he was born, 72 years ago. He studied at St. Peter's College, Wexford, whence he passed on to Maynooth College, where he was ordained in 1854, and was appointed to the Curacy of Bannow. Two years later he became a Professor in St. Peter's College, Wexford, and when Dean Kirwan vacated the Presidency of the College Father Sheridan was appointed to the position. Under his able administration the institution had a very prosperous career. In 1874 Father Sheridan was appointed to the pastoral charge of Bannow. In 1898, on the death of Archdeacon Roche, he was created Archdeacon, having for some years previous been a Canon of the Church.

Notes of American News,

FROM EXCHANGES.

PRELATES GO TO EUROPE.—Archbishop Hennessy of Dubuque, accompanied by Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, sailed from New York last week on a trip to Europe. Archbishop Hennessy recently recovered from a severe illness and goes abroad for the benefit of his health.

The two prelates have been intimate friends for many years, both having been formerly affiliated as priests with the archdiocese of St. Louis.

Both, it is said will revisit their homes and the scenes of their childhood in their native land. Archbishop Ryan was born near Thurles in the county of Tipperary in 1831 and the archbishop of Dubuque was born in the county of Limerick in 1825. The prelates will remain abroad about five weeks.

CONFESSORIAL REGISTER.—A patent has been granted Rev. Patrick J. O'Connor of the Sacred Heart Church, East End, Pittsburg, for improvement in confessional registers. The nature of the improvement is an automatic device which registers by the movement of the confessional slide. Heretofore registers were employed which required to be operated by hand, and in consequence of any inattention gave but inaccurate results.

An indicator or calendar likewise registers the number of confessions heard from any date.

DEATHS FROM LOCKJAW.—Six deaths from lockjaw were reported on Saturday last in New York, making twenty-eight deaths in all in the past four days. Three new cases were admitted to hospitals. There is no longer a doubt that in New York and the cities in its immediate vicinity tetanus is epidemic.

Every case reported is due to a pistol shot wound received on the Fourth of July. Strangely, each of these shows that the wound was received in the left hand. There is a single exception.

BANK CLOSED.—The Middlesex County Bank, of Perth Amboy, closed its doors yesterday, and the cashier, George M. Valentine, is in a cell at New Brunswick, a self-confessed defaulter, says the New York World. In six months he has utterly wiped out the bank. He has stolen \$125,000 according to the State Bank Examiners, and every penny of the institution's capital and surplus is gone. Besides this, the Perth Amboy Savings Institution, which did business over the same counters, and of which Valentine was the treasurer, is a loser to the amount of \$7,000. This amount is covered by Valentine's bond. Wall Street and high living are to blame.

THE POLES PROTEST.—The Polish residents of Chicago, at a meeting last week, denounced the Anglo-American alliance. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That we, Polish-American citizens, can see no reason for an alliance between this Government, for whose establishment Kosciuszko fought and Pulaski died, and that of England or any other monarchial power; that neither the traditions, the instincts, nor the necessities of the American nation call for such an alliance, and that we as Polish American citizens, protest against it and pledge ourselves to vote and work against any political candidate or any party who may advocate it."

JESUIT NOVITIATE.—The Order of the Society of Jesus has purchased 100 acres of land on the east side of the Hudson River, above Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on which modern buildings will be erected for the novitiate for the Maryland and New York province. It will require about two years for the buildings to be completed, and then the novices now at Frederick, Md., will be transferred to the new novitiate. The Jesuits have been in Frederick since 1759. Rev. John Williams, an English Jesuit, erected the

first chapel and residence in 1763, Rev. John H. O'Rourke, is the present rector of the novitiate at Frederick.

CHEAP FARES.—Three-cent fares were announced on Saturday last, on the front of Detroit street cars.

AN EDITOR'S LUCK.—Robert E. M. Cooper, of St. Louis, formerly a prominent newspaper editor and politician, has fallen heir to \$500,000. The estate was left to Cooper by John C. Crego, a miser hermit, who recently died at Cripple Creek. Years ago Crego lived in the Panhandle country, of Texas. Cooper made a tour of that region. He stopped for a short while near where Crego lived. Crego was not inclined to make acquaintances, but Cooper found him about to drown in a river and risked his own life to save the miser. That resulted in a friendship.

AT THE SUMMER SCHOOL.—Three new cottages have been erected at the Catholic Summer School at Cliff Haven, and were opened on July 9. They are known as the Ogdensburg (Brooklyn), and Curtis Pine Villa Cottages, and were built by private individuals. It is announced that a dramatic entertainment will be given once a week in the auditorium. On August 19th there will be a pilgrimage from the school to the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, at Quebec.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA. The work of excavation has been begun for the imposing new building of the Academy of Mt. St. Joseph, Chestnut Hill, near Norristown. The building will be an imposing structure of Chestnut Hill stone and granite, harmonizing with the present academy building.

By the will of the late William Gallagher, the greater part of an estate valued at \$2,500 is bequeathed to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Conference of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Michael's Church, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Agnes' Hospital, St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum and St. Joseph's House for Homeless Industrious Boys.

The Orphans' Court has divided a balance of \$1,715 in the estate of Anna Lafferty, deceased, among the following legatees:

St. Joseph's Hospital, the Catholic Home for Destitute Orphan Girls, the Little Sisters of the Poor, St. John's Orphan Asylum, the Church of the Gesù, St. Vincent's Home, the House of the Good Shepherd and Bishop Horstmann.

IRISH PATRIOTS' MEMORIAL.—The monument erected by the people of Pawtucket, and vicinity to the memory of Frank Byrne, the Irish patriot, and his devoted wife, Mary Monaghan Byrne, in St. Mary's Cemetery, was appropriately dedicated and unveiled July 1. The monument is a Celtic cross. The monument was draped in a large American flag and was unveiled by Miss Kathleen O'Brien, daughter of Representative T. O'Brien. Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa made the address. Mr. John F. Quinn, chairman of the committee of arrangements, presided. A street parade was a feature of the occasion.

SOLDIERS' GIFT TO A PRIEST.—Rev. P. P. Cooney, chaplain of the Thirty-fifth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, was presented with a gold chalice and embroidered vestments recently, at the University Church, Notre Dame, Indiana, as tokens of the esteem entertained for him by the officers and men of his regiment.

Father Cooney is seventy-seven years of age, and is the oldest Catholic war chaplain living.

Before the Thirty-fifth Indiana was mustered out of service the officers and men raised over \$1,000 to buy a chalice and vestments for their chaplain, but owing to various causes the presentation was delayed until Sunday.

How to Spend Millions.

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ry out great industrial and commercial enterprises which result in cheapened production or more opportunities for labor."

J. Pierpont Morgan, who has endowed hospitals, filled museums and built churches says:

"When one looks about and sees the misery and suffering caused by sickness among those who have not themselves the means to relieve it he cannot help feeling that to alleviate a little of it is the duty of those who have been fortunate or successful. The care of the sick poor is, in my opinion, our most practical charity."

Now Mr. Russell Sage, a generous millionaire, in practice, seems to disagree with Mr. Carnegie on the one hand, and to clash with Mr. Morgan's ideas—at least in theory. He says:

"I do not see how it is a disgrace for a man to be rich. If it is, I am afraid that Mr. Carnegie will be disgraced. My own opinion is that a man may better employ his money in productive enterprises that give employment, and benefit the community than to give it away. Suppose I gave away all that I own to thousands of poor people in this city to-day. Next week it would be all gone and they would be back here for more. But by using it in business enterprises which I represent it gives steady work to hundreds of honest workmen, who don't want any charity beyond what they can earn."

After all it seems to us that, what a millionaire says, or thinks, must be less important than what he does. Consequently we prefer the silent, unostentatious and universal, as well as unceasing generosity of Canada's Lord Strathcona, to all the lengthy dissertations of those multi-millionaires, who cannot do a kind deed without accompanying it with an essay on the duties of the rich.

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