

Federation Convention.

2,000,000 Catholics Represented at Meeting in Indianapolis "Keep Religion Out of Politics." Need of Printers' Ink.

The Catholic event of the week in the United States was the sixth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies in Indianapolis.

The delegates and visitors to the convention attended solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Chastard at St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral Sunday morning.

A mass meeting was held Sunday evening at which the audience numbered 2500.

THE MAYOR'S ANSWER TO A BIGOT.

"I have come more than 100 miles to be present at this meeting because I promised to be here," said the Mayor in his address of welcome.

"There is no other church to which the United States owes so much as it does to the Catholic Church. It has stood and does stand for the advancement of civilization and the country's progress."

AMERICA THE LAND OF ORGANIZATION.

"The necessity and utility of the association is evident," he said, "when we consider that America is the land of associations par excellence. Their motto, 'In Union There is Strength,' is the motto for commercial, social and religious life in the United States."

THE NIGHT REV. MGR. JOSEPH SCHREMS, vicar-general of the Grand Rapids diocese, made an eloquent address on "Christ and the Twentieth Century."

The formal opening of the convention took place Monday morning in the assembly room of the Claypool Hotel, where the delegates made their headquarters.

WHAT THE FEDERATION HAS DONE.

The Secretary's report was most encouraging. In the last year six prominent Catholic colleges and institutions have affiliated, making eighteen in all.

and was educated in Ireland," said the Archbishop, "and I have in my heart room for all those countries."

BISHOP HORSTMANN'S ARRIVAL.

Rt. Rev. Ignatius F. Horstmann, of Cleveland, arrived unexpectedly during the afternoon session and was warmly welcomed.

On the subject of the sanctity of the Lord's day the report says that efforts are being made against employers who force their employees to perform unnecessary labor on Sunday.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

On the school question the report says in part: "The plan proposed by the Federation as a solution of the school fund problem is gaining new advocates almost daily."

CABLEGRAM TO POPE.

The following cablegram was sent by the convention: "Cardinal Merry del Val, Rome: 'The American Federation of Catholic Societies, in national convention assembled at Indianapolis, renews its allegiance to His Holiness, expressing also its sympathy with him in his many trials, and begs the Apostolic Benediction.'"

CATHOLICS AND PRINTERS' INK.

"The two most important factors in history making," he declared, "are organization and printers' ink. Catholics make too little use of printers' ink. The Catholics do not support their Catholic press. There are 290 Catholic publications in the United States."

A CATHOLIC Y.M.C.A.

Two plans, says the report, have been evolved from the formation of a Young Men's National Catholic Union, along the lines of the Y.M.C.A.

GIVE NEWS.

When Bishop McFaul began his address on "Federation" he indorsed the views expressed by Father Roche. "Priests should not hesitate to go into the newspapers," he said.

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CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

The usual weekly concert of the Catholic Sailors' Club took place last evening, and was splendidly attended. Shortly after eight o'clock the programme of the evening, which was specially arranged by Mr. S. Mortimer, a member of Branch 26, C.M.B.A., under whose auspices the concert was given, was opened by Rev. Father Malone, introducing the chairman of the evening, Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Birmingham Home From Extended Trip.

Mr. Michael Birmingham, Collector of Tolls, the Grand Trunk Railway, has arrived home after a trip to Portland, New York and Philadelphia, returning by Boston, where he was for a week the guest of Geo. H. Sheehan, editor and proprietor of the "Hibernian."

The number of deaths occurring among young children during the summer months is simply appalling. In the city of Montreal last week, 175 children under the age of five years died, and nearly all the deaths were due to stomach and bowel troubles.

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The Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland at their annual June meeting, which was held recently at Maynooth, Cardinal Logue presiding, ordered, in view of the very serious outlook for the crops, special prayers to be said for the crops, special prayers to mature and save the fruits of the earth.