

THE POPE ON ATHLETICS

The Rome correspondent of the New York Freeman's Journal, writing on Oct. 10, says:

Visitors to the Pope's private study these days, if they happen to be at all observant, cannot fail to observe on His Holiness' desk a large photograph of a somewhat unexpected kind. It represents a strapping young baseball athlete, with his bat still poised in the air—but with the ball which he has just struck in the catcher's hands. Cardinal Merry del Val brought it with him from Allacci about a month ago, and with it a vivid description of a baseball game he had witnessed the day before between two rival teams of the American College. His Eminence had to explain for the Pope all the intricacies of baseball, and the Holy Father took such an interest in the game that he has kept the photograph on his desk ever since.

Perhaps the Cardinal's account had something to do with the extraordinary interest which Pius X. has displayed in athletics this week, and with the discourse he pronounced on Sunday. The little speech did not take more than ten minutes in delivery—yet it may be said to mark an epoch in the history of athletics. Italian boys until recently received little encouragement either from their parents or their college superiors to indulge in open air games. Their recreation has mostly consisted of a quiet walk under the observant eyes of a beadle or prefect. As a result Italian college and Italian boys have not been worthy of imitation in many respects. Some ten years ago an attempt was made in a small way to establish a federation of athletic clubs among them. This year they decided on holding a general meeting, and when Pius X. heard of it, he suggested that they should come here to Rome, and hold their contests and their games in the Vatican itself. He promised them that he would be present on one of the days, and that he would assign a large number of medals and other prizes. The Athletic Committee eagerly accepted the proposal. Then it was announced that Cardinal Merry del Val would offer a handsome prize of an oil-painting representing the lagoon of Venice; Cardinal Respighi, Vicar-General to His Holiness, next announced that he wished to offer a number of medals to victors in the contest; Cardinal Cavagnis did the same; Mgr. Della Chiesa, Vice-Secretary of State, did likewise; some of the principal officials of the Vatican asked permission to contribute prizes. In short, it seemed as if on a sudden Papal Rome had become full of the athletic spirit. Evidently it was clearly understood that Pius X. had set the seal of his approval on the movement for open-air exercise in Italy.

Then the young men, ranging from sixteen to twenty-five, began to pour into Rome from Italy. There were over two thousand of them—strapping young fellows that would have done great credit to any country, and they represented some fifty or sixty Catholic Clubs, the different groups being distinguished by some sign in their dress or their caps. Every morning they went to Mass in sections in one or other of the churches of the Eternal City; and twice every day met either in the Vatican Gardens or in the vast enclosed hall of Cavalierzo of the Noble Guard for their contests in running, jumping, bicycling, and gymnastic exercises of all kinds. But the apotheosis of the meeting came last Sunday. Early in the morning the athletic battalions gathered in the great Jesuit church of St. Ignatius to assist at the Mass celebrated for them by their friend and protector, Cardinal Cavagnis.

The sacred service over, they poured out into the side street, lined up in marching order, each club being separated from the other by bands or banners, and at the word of command started off for the Vatican. There were five bands, and sometimes two and even three of them were playing at the same time—and playing different airs. But that did not seem to matter either to the young men or to the large and sympathetic crowd that assembled to see them. Those young men should have asked permission from the civil authorities to march thus through the streets; but they remembered that the government schools and colleges are never required to ask for permission, and what is sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander. Anybody who attempted to interfere with them as they stropped lightly down the Corso Vittorio Emanuele,

and over the Ponte Sant' Angelo, until they reached the first Loggia of the Vatican itself, where they ranged themselves in a long double line by the wall and windows. Shortly after, Pius X. appeared. All the world knows how that His Holiness very rarely uses any of the pomp and ceremonial of State in his receptions—he just moves among his visitors, attended by his Maestro di Camera or a private chamberlain, and makes everybody feel at home. This morning the order of things was greatly changed.

Before the Pope marched a picket of Swiss Guards with their halberds and striking uniform, and around him was a detachment of the Noble Guards, and he was attended not only by his Maestro di Camera but by the important functionaries known as the Major Domo, and by several other distinguished members of his court. But it was obvious at a glance that the Holy Father did not intend to overawe the young people by this display of majesty, for he went about among them, giving his hand to each of the two thousand to kiss, stopping here to congratulate a victor in the recent contests, there to ask some details about a club, and again to say a few kindly words to some of the losers. It was a long ceremony, but it was only the beginning of things, for the Pope and his suite then passed into the Sala Regia where a throne had been prepared for the occasion, and barricades had been erected to divide the vast hall into two spaces, one reserved for the Papal Court and the Committee, and the other for the young men, who thronged in behind the footstaps of the Papal party. A short address was then read by Comm. Pericoli, the President of the Committee, to which His Holiness listened attentively. Pius X. is a fluent and eloquent extempore speaker, but when he wishes to say something important he takes the precaution to write out his ideas and to read them at the gathering he is addressing. When the President ceased now he rose, and unfolded a piece of paper he held in his hand.

THE POPE'S REMARKS.

"I am greatly consoled," he began, "to find myself among you boys and young men, for you represent the age of generous aspirations, and of brilliant, lusty and manly victories. Representing Jesus Christ, who was wont to surround Himself with the young in whom He found His delight, I too, looking upon you, feel that I must tell you that I love you—that I love you greatly, that I want to be to you not only a father, but a brother and a dear friend; and as your friend I fully approve your pastimes, your gymnastics and bicycling, your running and walking races, your mountain climbing, swimming, target-shooting. I admire and bless all these noble and pleasant games of yours.

"Bodily exercises stimulate the mind and drive away that idleness which is the father of all vices, and they draw us nearer to the practice of virtue. I will always remember you with joy, and I wish to say this much to you before you go away from here to-day. Be strong in guarding and defending your faith, now especially when so many oppose it, and rise up in rebellion against it. Show yourselves to be devoted children of the Church, and keep alive within you the spirit of worship which so many have banished from their hearts. Be strong in conquering all obstacles that lie in your path. I do not wish to impose any great sacrifices on you in the practice of virtue. I do not wish at all to deny you these games in which you find your recreation—on the contrary I wish to see you flourish in your youth, so that you may be able to gather in, the autumn of life the fruit of the seed you have sown in your springtime. Let the foundation of your organizations be the fear of God and the practice of piety,—thus by your example you will exercise a real apostolate over your companions.

Precept is a long road—example a short one; a man who is good at preaching and poor at practice is a sorry fellow. Remember that piety is necessary for us to keep ourselves good Christians—and remember that it is a great happiness for anybody to deserve the title of a good Christian and a good man. I have no desire to pass a harsh judgment on the present time, for I freely admit that excellent citizens are to be found in all classes of society, but my heart bleeds to see so many young men on the wrong path, so much religious indifference, so much moral abasement which obscures the dignity of human nature, when now is the spirit of obedience even to a sacrifice of independent justice, or disinterested impartiality. How many are there who no longer respect the golden maxim. Do unto others as you would that they should do unto

you! O! my dear boys and young men, remember always that without a good religious foundation, even natural virtues soon fade away. Be therefore devout, and defend your religion, showing yourselves to be Catholics in deed as well as in word. Thus and thus only will your apostolate bear fruit, and you will conquer others—even those who would cast ridicule on you will be constrained to admire and do homage to your virtue. Their conversion will be your greatest triumph; and that your triumph may be complete I heartily give my blessing to you, your families, your studies, your games, and on all who interest themselves in your games."

Grown-up Italians are not much at cheering, but the rising generation filled with its new athletic spirit, have sound lungs and know how to use them, and a burst of cheering, such as has never before been heard in the Sala Regia, rang out when the two thousand rose to their feet after receiving the blessing of the Pope. That same afternoon they gathered again in the Cortile di San Damaso to receive the principal prizes from the hands of the Holy Father himself, who was this time attended not only with the solemn pomp of the morning, but surrounded by Cardinal Merry del Val, the Archbishop of Westminster, the Archbishop of Trebizond, and many other distinguished ecclesiastics.

Here in Italy it is felt that the Pontiff has given a tremendous impetus to athletic sports and open-air games of all kinds.

COLUMBUS MONUMENT

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Cardinal Richelmy, Archbishop of Turin, Italy, has accepted the presidency of an international committee which is being formed in Italy for the commemoration of the fourth centennial of the death of Christopher Columbus, on May 20, 1906, by the erection of a magnificent monument in the Vatican to the great discoverer of America. At the same time steps are being taken to recall to life the movement for his canonization.

It is not generally known that at the Vatican Council thirty-six years ago a large number of the Archbishops and Bishops present signed a petition urging Pope Pius IX. to admit the inauguration of the necessary steps to this end in the Congregation of Rites. And even after the council prelates in different parts of the world made individual appeals to the Holy See about the matter.

IRISH LADIES' CHOIR.

The Irish Ladies' choir of Dublin, twenty-six in membership, who are the prize winners of the Feis Ceoil, arrived on the Anchor Line steamship Austria, on Tuesday, and on Sunday afternoon and evening, Oct. 29, they were heard for the first time in America at the Academy of Music, New York. The following Monday and Tuesday Philadelphia heard them. From there the tour extends through New England for about seven weeks, opening in Boston, where the choir will give nine concerts, and play in all the important cities in that territory. After this the route is mapped through Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York and the West, extending to the Pacific Coast, and of course, all the large cities like Newark, Baltimore, Washington, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, Denver and San Francisco will hear Ireland's greatest singing club.

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October 9 of this year was the diamond jubilee of the reception of Cardinal Newman into the Catholic Church—an anniversary of great interest for English Catholic converts, many of whom attribute their conversion, under God, to the example of the great Oratorian. As a writer on the subject in the English Catholic Times observes:

It was a great shock to the Church of England, a shock from which she can never recover. The heart of the nation was moved. Lord John Russell mourned over that secession; Lord Beaconsfield said the Anglican Church reeled under the shock; Mr. Gladstone went on regretting it even to his last days; Dr. Pusey has told us the tale of his grief, and so also has John Keble; and then men will go on to tell it, that remarkable event of October 9, 1845.

And now that Newman has led the way, "the kindly light, from amid the encircling gloom," with what pleasure do we read of the others who followed. Among the many we may mention Ambrose St. John, Frederick W. Faber, Hope Scott, Ward, the two Wilberforces, Frederick Oakley, Edward Caswell, William Palmer, Thomas Y. Allie Stantop and Bowles, of the London Oratory. Converts came in crowds, too thick and fast almost to allow of recognition, until, six years afterwards, in 1851, high above his fellows, rose the memorable figure of Henry Edward Manning; even for him Newman may be said to have cleared the path. The number who followed the great Tractarian was sufficiently large to produce a profound sensation. Never before had so large a body of English clergy seceded since the "Reformation." No wonder, then, that the 9th of October is a great day for us, our thoughts naturally turn with love and veneration towards him

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who, like ourselves, has gone out "from among his people," along the narrow pathway which led him, as it has led us, through "pastures green," by "the waters of comfort," from the "City of Confusion" to the "City of God." But of converts, whether of Tractarian or of latter days, none so noble, none so great, as John Henry Newman. He had been the pioneer of that great army which, leaving behind them friends, homes and human ambitions, had resolutely shut their ears to the soft siren blandishments of "Anglo-Catholicism," to listen only to the wise and tender counsels of their true Mother, which lead to the rest and peace, and safety of the one true Fold. "The Pillar and Ground of Truth," which can neither deceive nor be deceived, because God is her infallible guide. He, the great leader, was home at last, to where "his soul would have its rest," and he has himself told us that his admission into the Catholic Church was like getting into the harbor after being tossed about on a stormy sea. "Consciously or unconsciously almost every convert, I suppose, from Anglicanism has been influenced by that great mind and that great example; and we, like our leader, have gone out from our father's home, from kith and kin, to "the haven where he would be," and as it was with him, so it has been with so many of us; the exodus has been attended with heart-searching parting and severance keener than those outside can think. The profound calm of these moments was like nothing else in life. The welcome witness of the storm tossed ship coming into haven is but a feeble image of it, the rest of the body after long hours of pain but the material counterpart. No more doubt, no more fear, no more driving before the wind and waves, no more sick sinking of spirit, no more strife and struggle between things as they are and as things as one wished them to be.

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The following letter to the London Tablet:

Sir,—In the Tablet of last week, under the heading "Ireland," reference is made to a quarterly meeting of the Society which had been held the previous week. Since the annual conference of the Society was held at the opening of the year, the 11th inst. over by Cardinal Logue read from His Eminence Secretary of State, a Papal Benediction to the Society in the conference. It was on Thursday, the 11th inst. under the presidency of the bishop of Tuam, who was on the platform by Cardinal Logue and several Bishops, a number of clergymen, both secular, and a very representative of Catholic laymen of various shades.

Amongst the papers read at the meeting was one on "tree planting," presented by the Co. of Wickhampton as a National Day. The following observations were reported in the Freeman's Journal of the 14th inst. He said: "The Catholic Truth Society is one for self-help, to publish and distribute Catholic books, but we did not ourselves (applause). It is this Society to call on our enemy, the English Government plant forests. The Englishman hates the Irish nation of Egypt did hate the Jew and we must fight that with all the weapons that God has given us, as we fought, the Egyptians (applause) we have no power to call the of Egypt on the English. God that we had that (applause and laughter). We ever, boycott her manufacture and boycott her army and do we not do so? If we the weapons God has put in we cannot blame the Almighty leaving us as slaves of the English does not trouble me on her to do anything does trouble when we buy manufactures, her army (applause). In the Old God personally came to the enslaved nationality. He merciful in the New Testament Christian times God sent of Arc to free France from English, and although she ed at the stake as a heretic the judgment passed by the Bishop of Beauvais, within five years this judgment was the Archbishop of Rheims Pope Calixtus had appointed it, and at the present canonization is going on. And with reference to us in Ireland, Christ's Vicar on Earth, several occasions granted indulgences formerly granted Crusaders to all Irishmen against England. Such were granted by Gregory X. year 1280, and by Clement the year 1600 (applause). say that the Catholic Church an enslaved nation from for its liberty? I believe the way for us to do so no boycott England's manufacture and England's army and England's (applause).

Whether I regard the opportunity of his utterances or his representation of the tenets of the Catholic Church, he is a member, I regret to while his speech is stated been received with applause," there was no more pure or objective than speakers who subsequently in the deliberations of the Society for "the dissemination of sound Catholic literature, regular form, and to deliver immemorial publications based of the Irish people, which in the