



THE JESUIT ELECTION.

FOR SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE GENERAL.

Takes Place at the Latter Part of this Month. The Society as it Stands To-day.

When the different delegations are all assembled in Rome, the election will be preceded by prayer, fasting and corporeal austerities. All ambition for one's self or others is forbidden by the severest ecclesiastical penalties. The election is made after a general reception of the Holy Eucharist, each vote being deposited in the name of Jesus Christ before a crucifix. The General may be of any nationality, and is not allowed to refuse the position to which he has been elected. So far among the Generals there have been eleven Italians, five Spaniards, three Belgians, and one German, Swiss, Pole, Bohemian and Hollander—twenty-four in all.

The provincial vote ex-officio, as also the Vicar-General, the Procurator-General, the Secretary and the five assistants to the General. These latter are Father Gradilieri, for France; Father Hevel, for Germany; Father de la Torre, for Spain; and Father Whitty, a famous Jesuit, for the English-speaking provinces. Besides these assistants the curia of the General is composed of eight other professed Fathers and ten coadjutors. The General holds the office for life. All the officers under him are chosen every three years. They are named by the General. The rules governing the Society are very detailed, precise and rigorous. They are called the "Constitution of the Society," and were drawn up by St. Ignatius Loyola himself.

THE SOCIETY. The Company or Society of Jesus at present consists of 12,072 members, divided into 5,751 priests, 3,713 scholastics, and 2,608 lay brothers. They make five groups, which are themselves subdivided into twenty-seven provinces. The Italian group is composed of the provinces of Rome, 357 members; Naples, 312; Sicily, 247; Turin, 448; Venice, 355; making a total of 1,761.

In France there are 2,583 Jesuits, or more than in any other country. They are divided into the provinces of the Isle of France, 886; Lyons, 777; Toulouse, 562; and Champagne, 558.

The German group comprises the provinces of Germany, 1,009; Belgium, 557; Austria-Hungary, 615; Holland, 450; and Galicia, 574, making a total of 3,155.

The Spanish group comprises the provinces of Aragon, 945; Castile, 869; Toledo, 428; Portugal, 205, and Mexico, 123.

The seven English-speaking provinces are England, 585; Ireland, 267; Maryland-New York, 564; Missouri, 403; Canada, 249; New Orleans, 159; and Zambesi, 54, making 2,308 in all. All these provinces have certain missions in foreign countries.

This is the full strength of the Order at the present time. The Jesuit, on entering the Order, passes two years in a novitiate, devoting all that time to spiritual exercises. He then takes the three simple vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. At the end of this term there is a period of five years of study in the languages, rhetoric, philosophy and physical science. After a satisfactory examination the young scholastic is sent out to teach for five or six years in the colleges of the society. He next devotes four years to the study of theology, and he is then ordained a priest if his examination is satisfactory. A second novitiate is then entered into, lasting about a year, in which the time is given to preaching, meditation and prayer, and the cultivation of the different virtues. When all the time of probation has passed the candidate takes a fourth vow, by which he binds himself to go unreservedly as missionary wherever the Pope wishes to send him. Such Jesuits are called the "professed Fathers." It is from this class that the General, the provincials, professors of theology and superiors of the various houses of the order are taken.

There are two other classes of members—the "spiritual coadjutors," who make up the bulk of the members who teach or do pastoral work, and the "temporal coadjutors" or lay brothers, to whom the manual and minor duties are assigned.

Several assistants belonging to different nationalities, like himself appointed by election, are assigned to the Father-General, and these he consults on matters regarding the administration of the order. An auditor is likewise elected, and his duty is to be a prudent counselor, ever at hand to advise on all that concerns the General's private conduct. In an extreme case, which has never occurred, the provinces of the society might elect deputies to depose the head of the order. The Father-General has the appointment of three examiners, and no book can be published by any member without his approval or that of the censors delegated by him for the purpose. The most perfect and implicit obedience is owed to him by all the members, and he, in his turn, promises the same to the

Pope. But, in order that he may be thoroughly acquainted with every department of the vast body entrusted to his guidance, he receives every three years from each province a catalogue of its members, recording their names, ages, capabilities, talents and progress in virtue.

At stated intervals each local superior must write to the provincial to give him an account of the house under his care; and at longer intervals he, in his turn, sends a similar report to the Father-General.

The provinces are governed by a provincial who is assisted by consultants and by an auditor named by the General, and each house is governed by a superior, who has also his consultants and an auditor. The great law of obedience is the secret of the perfect discipline that pervades this vast organization.

The "House of Studies" at Woodstock, Md., is one of the chief educational institutions of the order in the world. Only members are trained there. The present number of students include fifty in the class of philosophy and in the class of theology.

The Jesuits are not allowed to accept ecclesiastical dignities. The professed Fathers take an oath not to accept any Bishopric or other post of honor in the Church unless at the express command of the Pope. Hence the small number ever promoted from the ranks. At the first sign of any danger of this kind prayers are ordered all over the society to prevent it. The most notable honor lately received by a Jesuit was perhaps the elevation to the College of Cardinals of one of their most famous theologians, Father Camillus Mazzella.

He is a citizen of the United States, having taken out his naturalization papers in Baltimore, and enjoys the distinction of being its representative in the College of Cardinals at Rome. Cardinal Mazzella was born near Naples, in Italy, 1833, and with his twin brother, Peter, devoted himself to the Church. He joined the Jesuits in 1857. When they were expelled from Naples in 1860 by the revolutionary government he went to Lyons to teach theology, and in 1867 was sent here to the great house of studies, which the society maintains for its members at Woodstock, Md. Here he was made a professor of dogma, and published four luminous and exhaustive volumes of his course of scholastic theology. It was during his stay that he became an American citizen. In 1878 he was called to Rome to take the place of Father Franzelli, who had been made a Cardinal. Much to the regret of his fellow members, and against his own wish, the Pope made him a Cardinal also on June 7, 1886, and he was thus lost to the order of which he had long been one of the brightest ornaments. He resides at the Gregorian University, of which he is the Prefect of Studies.—Catholic Review.

Canadian Orphans.

The Rev. Father Rossall, of Salford, England, who visited Canada a month ago to enquire into the condition of emigrant children sent out from the Salford Home, has made a report to the managers of that institution, setting forth the results of his Canadian tour. While in Canada, Father Rossall was the guest of Mr. Antoine Robert, treasurer of the Bishop's Palace, and agent for the Salford Home. With Mr. Robert and the Rev. Father Edmund Tunstall, of Osbaldestone, Eng., Father Rossall visited over one hundred homes throughout the Province in which orphans had been placed. He arrived at each of these homes unannounced and unexpected. He therefore found the children in their every-day conditions, and was thus able to ascertain exactly how they were being reared. As a result his report states that the food and clothing provided for the children were good and plentiful; the homes in which they live were healthy, clean and comfortable, and the work required to be performed by them was suited to the age and capacity of each child—in many cases the children remarked upon the small amount of hard work they were called upon to perform.

With regard to treatment, it seems from the report that the French Canadian farmers, with whom the children are mostly placed, as a rule, treat them with less severity than their own children, refraining from punishing them without the sanction of the cure. The reason given by Father Rossall for the occasional neglect of the orphans to write to England, is that their knowledge of English lapses when they speak nothing but French for years. The report also lays stress on the advantages to orphan boys of the Dominion Government's offer of a free grant of 100 acres of land to every male of eighteen years of age.

In regard to the girls it is remarked that in all the provinces of the Dominion the number of males largely exceeds the number of females, and there is, therefore, great probability that they will not need to seek domesticate for any length of time.

Pontifical Mass.

On Sunday last the pontifical offices were celebrated, at Mass, vespers and benediction, in the Cathedral chapel. After the solemn High Mass His Grace the Archbishop gave the Papal Blessing.

THE ASSUMPTION.

THE SERVICE AT ST. PATRICK'S.

Rev. J. F. McCallen Preaches an eloquent Sermon on the Honor Due to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The feast of the "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary" was celebrated on last Sunday at St. Patrick's church, with more than usual solemnity. The choir, under the direction of the indefatigable conductor, Prof. J. A. Fowler, ably seconded by Mr. McCaffrey, rendered Faucouier's Mass in a manner which reflected the highest credit. The solos of the Mass were entrusted to Mr. John Rowan, John Hammill, E. F. Casey and Frank Feron, who upheld their reputation as amateurs of a high order. During the offertory Mr. P. O'Connor, of Worcester, who has a highly cultivated voice especially adapted to singing sacred music, gave an "O Salutaris" by B. T. Hammond.

After the first Gospel, Father McCallen delivered a discourse on the honor due to the Virgin Mother of Christ, from the text: "Behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." (Luke 1 ch. 43). He began by laying down three principles, which he said were so self-evident as to require no argument. First, "All the elect of God deserve to be honored." Secondly, "The higher their dignity, the greater their privileges, the holier their lives, the greater the honor due to them." And thirdly, "Whom God has honored, we may honor." The principal part of the discourse was devoted to showing that Mary the Mother of Christ was the masterpiece of God's creative hand, the most privileged woman of the human race, and the holiest and most faithful of God's servants on earth. "I feel confident," continued the preacher, "that if the Protestants who manifest such open hostility to any honor paid to the Virgin Mother, were for a moment to free themselves from the religious prejudices fostered by early education, and for a moment to turn a deaf ear to the calumnies with which, for three hundred years, Catholic doctrine and Catholic practice on this point have been assailed, they would join their voices to ours and, in the inspired words of the Holy Gospel, would proclaim her 'blessed.'"

From all eternity God had selected Mary to be the Mother of His only begotten Son. At the very dawn of creation He gave joy to the world by the promise that her seed should destroy the great enemy of man's salvation. "I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; she shall crush thy head and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel." (Genesis ch. iii. 15). Through his prophets He foretold her coming and the great mission she was to fulfill on earth: "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son," and his name shall be called Emmanuel. (Isaiah ch. vii. 15). In the limbo of time He sent not a man but an angel, not an angel but an archangel to salute her "full of grace," and to hold converse with her on the great mystery of the Incarnation: "Fear not, Mary, thou hast found grace with God." * * * * *

The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore the Holy One which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Can we be surprised that Mary realizing the honor and the privilege thus bestowed upon her should break forth into her exultant cry of praise? "My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed: For He that is Mighty hath done great things in me." (Luke 1, 46-49). What other creature ever received such honor, such great privileges at God's hands?

And her sanctity grew out of these very privileges and out of her fidelity to that mission. God came to redeem man from sin, came to destroy the empire of Satan. Was it proper that He should make use of a vessel that had been ever corrupted, of a mother who had even for a moment been under the dominion of the evil one? No, and therefore by the anticipated merits of his own sufferings and death, does He free her even in her very conception from all stain. He was holy, He wished his mother to participate in that holiness and so abundantly did He shower His heavenly favors on this chosen instrument of His mercy to fallen man, that an archangel from heaven salutes her reverently as "full of grace." Now we all know that fidelity to God's grace prepares the soul for new graces, and if we meditate a moment on Mary's fidelity in the Divine service, we may form some idea of the high degree of sanctity she has attained. Living as she did in the constant presence of Infinite Sanctity, whether at Bethlehem, or in Egypt or at Nazareth or on Calvary, how rapidly must she not have grown in divine love and how deeply must she not have drunk of that Ocean of divine grace,

and how holy must she not have appeared to the angels who ever hovered around the sacred person of her divine Son!

Her fidelity was ever the same, faithful in the joy of the Nativity, faithful in the persecution by Herod, faithful in the loneliness and dangers of Egyptian exile; faithful amid the poverty and humiliation of the home at Nazareth; faithful when her Son's blood marked every step along the way of dolors; faithful amid the gloom of calvary; faithful to the poor dead body bruised and bleeding, as she tenderly washes away the deep blood stains and consigns it to the tomb not its own.

And yet there are men, aye, women, who refuse to honor this holy, faithful, privileged woman, "our tainted nature's solitary boast." There are non-Catholics who dare to exclaim: "And after all, what was she but a common woman?" Would any British subject dare to say the same of Queen Victoria? "And what is she after all but a common woman?" Would any gentleman in this city say of a lady, let her be mother, wife, sister, daughter of friend or neighbor: "What is she after all but a common woman?" There is an insult, a contempt in such a question, which would not be tolerated if made concerning the most ordinary of God's sinful creatures, but which religious prejudice sanctions when applied to the Mother of the Saviour who redeemed the world. May God pity them! May God forgive them!

So much blindness does this religious prejudice beget, so much hostility to the Mother of Christ does it engender, that her enemies do not hesitate for want, of better argument, to quote from the Holy Gospel and teach others to quote texts, which according to them prove that Christ disowned His mother, slighted and insulted her. Are they conscious of the blasphemy of which they are guilty against God? What! He who commanded us to honor father and mother, taught us by his example, to slight, to contemn, insult, disown them!

When the woman in the Gospel, carried away with enthusiasm by the words of Divine eloquence which issued from the Saviour's lips, exclaimed: "Blessed is the womb that bore thee," when some one informed Him that His mother and brethren were without seeking Him, or when His mother asked Him to work His first miracle, and his answers were: "Ye rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it." (Luke ch. xi. 28). "Who is my mother and who are my brethren? He who doth the will of my Father who is in Heaven; He is my brother and sister and mother." (Matthew ch. xii. 50). "My hour is not yet come." (John ch. ii. 4) these critics of devotion to Mary, these interpreters of God's holy word, wish to find in these answers a proof that Jesus, the model of every virtue, actually rebuked and disowned His mother. Are they conscious of the awful blasphemy which their accusation suggests? If it were their own sinful mothers who received such answers, would they draw the same conclusions and glory in such interpretation?

The Saviour by these answers simply taught what the Catholic Church has always upheld, namely, that the dignity of Mother of Christ, if by an impossible hypothesis she had proved an unworthy mother, would not make her dear to God, nor gain for her an entrance into heaven, no more than would the dignity of a priest save him, were he to prove unworthy of his high vocation. Mary is indeed blessed because she bore in her womb the Son of God made man, but far more is she blessed because she heard the Word of God and kept it. "Mary kept all these words pondering them in her heart." (Luke ii. 19). Far more blessed was she to know, and to do the will of God, than even to enjoy the privilege of rightfully calling Him Son. But when they quote with such apparent satisfaction, "Woman, what is it to me and to thee? My hour is not yet come," do they not betray a blindness and a malice which overreaches the mark, by concealing what follows; for in spite of this answer, Mary interprets His tone, His looks, His heart aright, as turning to the waiters, she bids them, "Whosoever He shall say to you, do ye," and obtains her request that the first miracle wrought by the Son of God should be in answer to the prayer of His Mother. (John ii. 6-11).

Is it not sad to think that men should be so blind to the plain meaning of scripture from Genesis to Revelations, so deaf to the plain teachings of the Holy Gospel, so hardened against the best instincts of their nature which lead them to admire and love and praise and honor, all that is holy and beautiful and attractive in the servants of God, as not only to refuse to honor and praise and bless the Mother of their Redeemer, but to base their refusal on His own example! Can greater blasphemy be imagined? In their pulpits they find time to praise the virtues of an Esther, a Sarah, a Judith, a Moses or a St. Paul, but they cannot sully their lips with the praise of Mary or hold her up as a perfect model of love of God and fidelity in his service! Do they not realize that Catholics in honoring Mary honor God who made her what she is? Is the painter jealous of the praise bestowed on the picture on his canvass? Is the sculptor jealous of the admiration called forth by the statue fashioned by his hands?

"But Catholics honor Mary too much?" Is the logical conclusion? "Therefore we shall not honor her at all!" "Catholics do wrong!" "Therefore we shall not do what is right!"

Catholics do not honor Mary more than she deserves. They know and teach that she is but a creature; that she did nothing to merit to be chosen from among all women to be the Mother of the Redeemer; for when the choice was made she did not exist and could not therefore merit. They teach that all her privileges came from God. To Him be the honor and glory. They teach that to adore her would be impiety, but to pay her reverence, sound her praise, endeavor to imitate her virtues, love her for what God made her, and admire her fidelity, these are marks of honor which Protestants pay to Esther and Sarah and Judith, and Moses and St. Paul, and alone among all Christian people refuse to the most exalted, the most privileged, the most holy and most faithful of God's creatures whom "all generations shall call blessed." Let them beg of God to dissipate the blindness of their prejudice; to make them turn a deaf ear to the calumnies which in youth have turned their hearts otherwise so good and so noble, against Catholic doctrine and Catholic practice, that they may adore God and honor the Mother whom He has so honored, thus taking their share in the fulfillment of the prophecy: "All generations shall call me blessed."

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The ceremony of the consecration of the new church in Hull, that was to take place on the 21st, August, has been postponed till the 25th September next.

It was announced that the Pope was ill and had suspended all public audiences some days ago. The *Voce della Verita* is authorized to state that the rumors are baseless.

The first pastoral retreat ended on Saturday morning at the Grand Seminary of Montreal. It was preached by Rev. Father Pichon, S.J. His Grace the Archbishop presided at the exercises.

It is said that His Eminence Cardinal Ledochowski, Prefect of the Propaganda, has written the Archbishops and Bishops of America asking them to settle the question of parochial schools in an approaching synod.

By the death of Cardinal Annibale the Sacred College is reduced to fifty-three Cardinals, which means that there are seventeen vacancies. Seldom have so many vacancies been noticed. There are only 24 cardinals resident in Rome, and soon the number of foreign cardinals will equal that of the Italians.

According to the *Courrier du Bruzels* the Holy See has received proposals from the English Government with regard to the settlement of the Uganda troubles. The English propose the union of a mixed commission, in nomination with the Pope, to examine whether the English Government and its officials are responsible or not.

A Pontifical decree from Rome calls together, in that city, all the abbots and priors of the different Trappist monasteries at the beginning of next October. The object of the convocation is to unite all the different observances under a uniform rule. The Cardinal Protector of the Cistercians will preside, in the name of the Pope, at the meetings. The abbot of Notre Dame du Lac will start for Rome on the 7th September next.

The seventeen Trappists of Sept-Fons (Allier) established in the Holy Land some eight months ago, near Amons, where our Saviour appeared to the disciples and Cleophas have done immense work. It is well known that the Trappist rule forbids them the use of meat, eggs, fish and butter. Their vegetables are seasoned with salt, water and oil when they have any. Already French novices are joining. The monastery has opened a French school for the children of the neighboring villages. The French consul at Jerusalem heard one of these children, not long ago, pay him a very neat compliment. At the request of the Holy Father the Prior has established an orphanage for the training of good agriculturists. The two first children have already been admitted.

The German Catholics have recently given another and splendid testimony of their attachment to the Holy See. Three thousand of them, assembled at Neisse, sent to the Sovereign Pontiff of the 17th instant, a despatch containing the expression of their good will. The Holy Father replied, through the Cardinal Secretary of State, as follows: "The Sovereign Pontiff received with fatherly affection the sentiments of respect and devotion from the German Catholics assembled at Neisse; he is pleased to find them emulating each other in the practice of piety and charity; he prays that abundance of grace may fall from heaven upon them, so that their faith and good work may flourish more and more in Germany, and he lovingly grants to all assembled his apostolic benediction." M. CARDINAL ROMPOLLA.

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OF NATIONALITY, OF LANGUAGE, AND OF RELIGION.

"Now, what is the stipulation of the Manitoba Act of 1870? It said:— Clause XXII. In the Province, the Legislature may exclusively decree the laws relating to education, subject to, and in keeping with, the following dispositions:— 1. Nothing in those laws will prejudice any right or privilege conferred at the time of the Union, by law or by custom, to any particular class of persons in the Province, regarding separate schools."

Commenting on this Act, the Council of Public Instruction of Manitoba said: "At the time of the Union, the Catholics residing in Manitoba, had, if not by law, at least by custom the usage and enjoyment of separate schools, under the control of the Catholic ecclesiastical authorities, where their children received religious instruction, jointly with other schools."

The Privy Council of England regrets this contention. Let Catholics have their schools if they wish, we are not opposed to that right provided they contribute, like all other citizens, to the creation and maintenance of the public schools decreed by law. The Catholics, it says, cannot complain of losing any privilege established by custom, before Manitoba became a Province, and they have no rights to assert.

"Is this not denying facts; is this not creating an injustice? It is known, that the Protestants except the Anglicans, who, like the Catholics, protested against the law, will be entirely satisfied with these neutral schools, erected at their expense as well as that of the Catholics, while the Catholics

CAN NEVER CONSENT. to send their children to them. Whose fault is it, it has been asked? The law's? No, but the religious belief which prevents Catholics from benefitting by this law.

"And what becomes of the religious belief? Is it not the first thing which should be respected in a free country, when the equality of all citizens should be respected?"

"Yes our enemies may rejoice over their victory. They have been doing so for some days past, in terms that are profoundly painful to us. The cause of our brothers of Manitoba is our cause; with them we renege the injustice and insult. In this grave question, we do not wish to argue on a point of law. What strikes us most is the fact that, in a sister province of our own, an English and Protestant majority attempts, by means of a law, to crush the French and Catholic minority.

"It has succeeded for the moment. But all is not lost. There are still, we hope, just and courageous men, on whom we may count for the restoration of our rights. And if men are wanting God will not abandon us. He is stronger than all the potentates of the earth.

"And, come what may, we may assure those who insult us to-day that the Catholic schools of Manitoba will continue to exist, and that nothing will remove from the hearts of Canadians the love of their language and their faith."

Reception to Mr. Blake.

Toronto, August 21.—A meeting of Irishmen was held to-night to consider the question of tendering a reception to Hon. Edward Blake on his return to Toronto. It was unanimously decided to do so, and a large committee was struck off representatives from all over the province to carry out the arrangements. The function will probably take the form of a public reception, in connection with the presentation of an address and speeches. Mr. Blake will stop at Murray Bay on his arrival and may not come on to Toronto for some days.

* For the meaning of this text see Dr. Quigley's learned work "Ipsa, Ipsa, Ipsam" or Mary in prophecy and its fulfillment.