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THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1905.

MONSIGNOR NUGENT.

The late Monsignor Nugent, whose death we chronicled last week, was 83 years of age, nearly sixty of which were consecrated to the service of God and produced rare fruits of souls saved and dwarfed and wretched lives cared for. Love for the poor and the afflicted was the burning power in the great priest's career. His heart went out to every frail and helpless human creature. His noble countenance reflected the strong, pitying soul claimed a share of every broken-hearted outcast's misery. He played and worked for his charges; and erected a refuge for boys, a home for women and a shelter for friendless girls. He drew the sympathy of great men to his aid and the example of his Christian life was destined to impress the masses of the great English city of Liverpool at a time of crisis, when the prejudices of extreme Protestants threatened to provoke an anti-Catholic crusade.

Mgr. Nugent was a modern minded philanthropist. He recognized the power of the press for good and the paper which he founded and held his connection with to the last helped him incalculably in all his undertakings for the glory of God and the betterment of his fellow mortals' lot.

DIOCESE OF ST. HYACINTHE BEREAVED.

The diocese of St. Hyacinthe is doubly bereaved in the death of its venerated head, His Lordship Bishop Decelles, and in the almost simultaneous death of Rev. Mother Catherine, Superior of its Community of the Precious Blood, and Superior General of the Order throughout the American continent. The venerated Bishop had lived a long life of meritorious work in a comparatively short time, for there were yet lacking to him several years of the three score and ten of the Psalmist, and Mother Catherine, from small beginnings, had raised up in her Order many spiritual daughters both in the United States and Canada. The work of Mother Catherine had been greatly assisted by the Bishop, and the Sisters of the Precious Blood had ever regarded him as their first friend and father, it will therefore require a supreme effort on the part of the community at St. Hyacinthe to recover from the great loss sustained in the death of their founder and that of their benefactor. The people of the diocese are also doubly bereft, for they are deprived of a zealous prelate and tender pastor, while at the same time they mourn the loss of a woman, born one of themselves, whose odor for sanctity has spread far and wide, and whose spiritual daughters everywhere now rise and call her blessed.

ENGLISH BISHOPS AND EDUCATION.

Once again the Archbishop and Bishops of England have issued a joint pastoral to the faithful under their charge enjoining them to remember

that they are the sentinels and guardians of the cause of Catholic education. Necessarily these letters of the English hierarchy are filled with the technicalities and details of particular interests; but care is taken to define what a Catholic school is under any law that pretends to meet the Catholic claim. Thus their lordships say:

"All our efforts will have been in vain, all our sacrifices will have been thrown away, should a day ever come in which we no longer have Catholic teachers in our Catholic schools. A Catholic school without a Catholic teacher, or under a teacher who, though Catholic in name and in outward profession, has not a Catholic spirit, or who possesses an inadequate knowledge of the Catholic faith or who has been brought up outside Catholic influence, is of little use for the Catholic education of our children."

There is the vital and practical point. The Catholic Church must ever have at her command an adequate force of trained and qualified teachers in whose hands every interest and good aim of the children secular and religious can be safely reposed.

STRAIGHT TALK TO ORANGEMEN.

A Protestant clergyman in Peterborough, Ontario, has been preaching a new sort of a sermon to the Orangemen of his town assembled to celebrate the Battle of the Boyne. Rev. J. C. Davidson said to the brethren: "When we look around us we could not but see that the Roman Catholics were gradually creeping over the Dominion and increasing in aggregate ratio than the Protestants." Mr. Davidson asked if Protestants were to-day satisfied with conditions in their own ranks. "Large families were diminishing and where a few years ago there used to be some five and six in a family, to-day there were two, one and even none. Look at the last census. Once the river Ottawa was the dividing line, but now we find that the old Scotch county of Glengarry was largely a Roman Catholic county. The same was true of Essex and other counties. Are you satisfied with this condition of things? Christian men and women seeking their own ease and pleasure, loving money more than children. He regarded this as a disloyal and unpatriotic thing in our country. All honor to the hard working, industrious, God-fearing men and women who bring up large families."

Good for you, Rev. J. C. Davidson! The Twelfth of July cannot come too often, if the Orangemen let men like you talk straight at them.

ST. PATRICK'S BIRTHPLACE.

Prof. J. B. Bury is the latest contributor to the life story of St. Patrick, a task to which he brings some strong qualifications. It is interesting to mark that he casts his vote for West Britain as the birthplace of the Irish Apostle. He locates the spot in Glamorganshire. The Scottish claim is absolutely rejected.

We beg to call the notice of subscribers residing outside of our city to the column devoted to Montreal wholesale prices. Several of our readers have requested us to do this, and as the duty of a paper is to serve its patrons, we take pleasure in giving space in this issue to the market prices, and will continue to do so weekly.

It seems a pity to see our lovely mountain disfigured with rubbish which the public is pleased to leave lying about. Picnic parties and others throw refuse and papers around promiscuously, making the place most unsightly. At one time we imagine there were receptacles for such. These should be renewed and placed in great numbers so there could be no possible excuse for the gross untidiness prevailing. In this way the park authorities would be meeting the public more than half way, thereby getting at the root of the evil.

An Ottawa correspondent reads into our remarks upon the appointment of Mr. Collin Maffiac some lack of appreciation of that gentleman's position as a Catholic and a politician of excellent record. No such meaning could be fairly drawn from our remarks. We commented upon the absence of Irish Catholics from the railway boards of the country in regard to which the government exercises rights of appointment. This fact, we declared, provides a contrast not only to the prominence of Irish Catholics in Canadian railway construction but to the high reputation won by Irishmen in all the great railway enterprises of this Dominion and the United States.

The attention of the proper authorities is called to the want of protection on our pleasure boats. The recent drowning of a little boy proves the necessity of speedy reform. We all know there is no guard whatever on the upper deck, simply a railing, through which any one could fall, let alone little ones in the happy thoughtlessness of careless childhood, seeing no danger in running too near the edge. We have reason to believe that the drowning of the boy will prevent parents from taking their children upon excursions on the river until something has been done to ensure their safety. If only in their own interests the companies concerned should see to this immediately.

Mr. M. J. Butler, who recently resigned the position of assistant engineer of the National Transcontinental Railway, is to be appointed Deputy Minister of Railways and chief engineer of canals. Mr. Butler, who is an Ontario Catholic, has made rapid advancement in the high opinion of the government, and his work upon the G.T.P. surveys proved him a man of executive ability of a high order. He will ably fill his new position.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

Seldom, if ever, in the history of the Catholic Sailors' Club has a larger and more appreciative audience been drawn together than that which greeted the casual spectator yesterday evening. Even before the appointed hour the large hall was crowded to the doors. The entertainment, under the patronage of Mrs. S. M. O'Brien, did credit to all who took part therein, and will justly be remembered by the sailors and their friends as a rare treat. Whilst individual comment would seem almost superfluous, yet we cannot pass over in silence the efforts put forth by Mrs. J. Murphy and Miss McDonnell as lady singers, and among the gentlemen, Jos. Connolly, in his deep and far-reaching baritone, and Mr. Farrell, in a very pleasing and well cultivated tenor, and Mr. Costigan gave proofs of much taste and feeling in their various selections. The clog-dancing of seaman Walsh was very well received and created quite an amount of merriment. Mr. Bryan, of St. Bavarian, was also very well received. Mr. D. Campbell made a very fine chairman. Worthy of special mention for their never-tiring energy in the grand work which they have undertaken in favor of the Catholic sailors, are the Rev. Father Malone, S.J., and Mr. F. B. McNamee.

On the whole, the evening stands forth pre-eminently as a living proof of the light in which the institution is looked upon by its many friends, and we sincerely hope that it will long be in a position to fulfil its grand and noble object.

CANON MICHEL'S PRESENT.

Site for an Hospital in Buckingham and \$7,000 in Cash.

Rev. Canon Michel, of Ottawa, presented recently to the Grey Nuns \$7,000 in cash and a handsome site for an hospital in Buckingham, where for so many years he was parish priest. The construction work has already been commenced by Contractor E. Groulx, of Ottawa. The building is to be 80 feet by 40 feet in size. It will also have an annex. The total cost will be \$20,000. The hospital, when completed, will fill a long felt want in Buckingham. The generosity of the venerable priest, who is spending his declining years in retirement in Ottawa, is greatly appreciated.

POPE PIUS X ON CATHOLIC ACTION.

The Encyclical to the Italian Bishops.

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This does not exclude the support and development of other works of various kinds, and of different organizations, all equally destined to deal with one or other phase of the welfare of society and of the people and to bring Christian civilization once more to a flourishing condition under various determinate aspects. They spring into existence thanks for the most part to the zeal of particular persons, spread themselves throughout the various dioceses, and sometimes group themselves in more extensive federations. Now whenever the object they propose is laudable, and the Christian principles they follow firm, and the means they adopt just, they too are to be praised and encouraged in every way. And they are to be allowed a certain freedom of organization, inasmuch as it is not possible that where a number of persons assemble they should all model themselves upon the same stamp and unite under a single directing authority. The organization should rise spontaneously from the work itself; otherwise there will be buildings well designed but without a real foundation and altogether flimsy. It is right, too, to take into account the dispositions of the different populations. Different usages and tendencies manifest themselves in different places. What is important is that the work will be conducted upon a good foundation, with solidity of principle and with fervor and constancy. If this be secured, the method and form that the various works take are and remain accidental. To renew, and, in fine, increase indistinctly in all the Catholic world the necessary alertness and to afford occasion to the promoters and members mutually to see and know one another, to draw ever more closely the bonds of fraternal charity among themselves, to animate one another to efficacious action with continual growing ardor, and to provide for the greater solidity and the diffusion of the works themselves, it will be of great advantage to hold from time to time according to the directions already set forth by the Holy See general or partial congresses of the Italian Catholics, which ought to be solemn manifestations of the Catholic Faith and a general festival of harmony and peace.

It remains for us, venerable brethren, to touch upon another point of the utmost importance. It is the relations between all the works of Catholic action and the ecclesiastical authority. If the doctrines developed in the first part of this letter are considered, the conclusion will at once be formed that all those works which come directly to the aid of the spiritual and pastoral ministry of the Church and which have a religious object in the direct benefit of souls, ought down to the smallest particulars to be subordinate to the authority of the Bishops placed by the Holy Spirit to rule the Church of God in the dioceses assigned to them. But even the other works which, as we have said, are founded chiefly to restore and promote in Christ true Christian Civilization, and which in the sense explained constitute Catholic action cannot be conceived of independently of the counsel and the supreme direction of the ecclesiastical authority, especially as all ought to make themselves acquainted with the principles of Christian doctrine and morals; much less is it possible to conceive them in opposition, more or less open, to the same authority. Such works, their nature being taken into account, ought certainly to progress with suitable and reasonable liberty, the responsibility falling upon their promoters for the action taken, especially in temporal and economic affairs and in those of public life, administrative and political, foreign to the purely spiritual ministry. But since the Catholics always raise aloft the banner of Christ, in doing this they raise the banner of the Church, and it is therefore fitting that they should receive it from the hands of the Church, that the Church should watch over its untarnished honor, and that as docile and loving sons, the Catholics should submit to this maternal vigilance. From which it appears how ill-advised were they—only a few indeed—who here in Italy and under Our eyes dared to prepare themselves for a mission which they received neither from Us nor any one of Our brothers in the episcopate, and who set themselves to promoting it not only without due obedience to authority, but, in a word, openly against Us, wishing by frivolous distinctions to

make their disobedience appear legitimate. They also professed to raise the standard in the name of Christ, but such a standard cannot be Christ's because it did not bear among its folds the doctrine of the Divine Redeemer, which here also has its application. "He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me." (Luke x, 16); "He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me, scattereth" (Luke, xi, 23); a doctrine, as can be seen, of humility, of submission, and of filial respect.

With extreme grief in Our heart We have had to condemn such a tendency and to stop authoritatively the pernicious movement which was in process of formation. And so much the greater was Our sorrow because We saw inconsiderately dragged along such a false path a good number of journals dear to Us, many of them of unusual ability, of fervid zeal, capable of doing good effectually when rightly guided. Whilst, however, We point out to all the right standard of Catholic action, We cannot, venerable brethren, conceal the serious danger to which, owing to the state of the times, the clergy are exposed to-day, and it is that of attaching too much importance to the material interests of the people, neglecting the far higher interests of the sacred ministry. The priest raised above other men for the accomplishment of the mission that he holds from God, should keep himself also above all human interests, all conflicts, all classes of society. His proper field of action is the church where, as the ambassador of God, he preaches the truth and inculcates together with respect for the rights of God respect for the rights of all creatures. Acting thus he exposes himself to no opposition, does not make an appearance as a party man, the friend of some, the adversary of others, nor does he, in order not to knock against certain tendencies or to avoid irritating on many subjects minds that are exasperated, incur the danger of hiding the truth or of being silent about it, failing in his duty in either case; without saying that having to treat pretty often of material affairs bound by obligations injurious to his person, and to the dignity of his ministry. He should not, therefore, take part in associations of this kind except after mature consideration in accord with his Bishop, and only in those cases in which his assistance is free from every danger and evidently an advantage. Nor is his zeal at all curbed in this manner. The true apostle must "become all things to all men to save all" (I Cor., ix, 22); like our Divine Redeemer, he should feel his bowels moved to compassion, "seeing the multitude so distressed, and lying like sheep that have no shepherd" (Matt. ix, 36). By an effectual propaganda of writings, by stirring oral exhortations, by direct aid in the cases mentioned, let him strive to ameliorate also, within the limits of justice and charity, the economic condition of the people favoring and furthering those institutions that tend in that direction, especially those that propose to marshal the multitudes against the invading domination of Socialism, and which at one and the same time save them from economic ruin and moral and religious demoralization.

In this way the help of the clergy in works of Catholic action aims at a highly religious object, will never be a hindrance, but will even be of assistance to the spiritual ministry, enlarging its sphere, and multiplying its fruit. This, venerable brethren, is what We were anxious to explain and inculcate with regard to be sustained and promoted in this Italy of ours. It is not sufficient to point out what is good; it must be put in practice. In this connection your mutual exhortations and your paternal and direct encouragement to well-doing will certainly be of great assistance. Let the beginnings be humble, provided that a commencement be really made; Divine grace will make them grow in a short time and prosper. And let all Our beloved children who devote themselves to Catholic action listen once again which comes so spontaneously from Our heart. Amidst the bitter troubles by which we are all surrounded, if there be any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of charity, if any society of spirit, if any bowels of compassion, We shall say with the Apostle Paul: "Fulfil ye my joy, that you be of one mind, having the same charity, being of one accord, agreeing in sentiment, in humility and due subjection, each one not considering the things that are his own; but those that are other men's, having in you the mind which was also in Christ Jesus Our Saviour" (Philipp ii, 2 &c.). Let Him be the

beginning of every one of your undertakings: "Whatever you do in word or in work, all things do ye in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." (Coloss. iii, 17). Let Him be the end of every work of yours: "For Him, and by Him, and in Him are all things; to Him be glory for ever" (Rom. xi, 36). And on this happy day which recalls the Apostles as full of the Holy Ghost they went forth from the supper-room to preach the Kingdom of Christ to the world, may the power of the same Spirit descend upon you all, smooth away every difficulty, set on fire again souls that have been cold, and put upon the right road all who have gone astray: "Ecce quod est rigum, fove quod est frigidum, rega quod est devium. Meanwhile let the Apostolic Benediction which We impart from the bottom of Our heart to you, venerable brethren, to the clergy and to the Italian people, be a sign of the Divine favor and a pledge of Our special affection.

Given at St. Peter's, Rome, on the Feast of Pentecost, 11th June, 1905, the second year of Our Pontificate.

PIUS X., POPE.

Life Work of Late Father Denifle

Rome, July 15.—On Sunday morning, 11th inst., Rome learned of the death of Rev. Father Denifle, of the Order of Preachers, which occurred at Munich, in Bavaria, the previous day. Perhaps the name of this learned Dominican is not known so well in English-speaking lands as it is on the continent of Europe. It is certain, however, that every student of history—especially of the history of Universities—is acquainted with the great work of Father Denifle: "The Universities of the Middle Ages up to 1400," and other kindred volumes.

Father Denifle, who was in his 62nd year, having been born in the Upper Engadine, 16th January, 1844, was on his way to England when he was stricken down by apoplexy. The University of Cambridge had decreed him insignia of the Doctorate, together with Father Ehrle, of the Society of Jesus, Prefect of the Vatican Library. Father Denifle was Sub-Archivist of the Holy See.

In Rome Father Denifle was well known and esteemed and venerated by all who knew him. He might be seen frequently passing to and from the Generalist House of his Order near the Piazza di Spagna, and he had nearly always that preoccupied look which those often have who are engaged in absorbing studies.

The vocation to enter into the illustrious Dominican Order was, he said, determined by his reading the Conferences of the celebrated Father Lacordaire; and when he had reached his 17th year he entered the Novitiate of Gratz, in Styria. He had acquired a certain reputation as a preacher, and his Lenten conferences in the Cathedral of Gratz on the Catholic Church and the aims of humanity, in which he showed in a grand and vivid manner the immense benefits that human society derived from the Church instituted by Jesus Christ, marked him out as a deep thinker as well as an eloquent preacher.

It is, however, by his historical works that his fame has been made. His History of Mediaeval Universities was followed by the publication of the "Pontifical Registers of the 13th Century," and, later, by a work in French, bearing the title "The Dissolution of the Churches, Monasteries and Hospitals During the Hundred Years' War," and containing most interesting particulars and details heretofore unpublished. When Lord Macaulay began his historical romances he determined to "produce something which shall for a few days supersede the last fashionable novel on the tables of young ladies." He succeeded in that not very exalted aim, and in his turn gave way to a more attractive "fashionable novel." It was not in this spirit Father Denifle wrought; his work survives the fashionable novel and the historical romance. Around his last published work, "Luther and Lutheranism," a great rumor has been raised. The first volume of which was published two years ago, and was all sold out in less than two months. The Protestant theologians and ministers of Germany raised a storm of criticism on this work, and some with that liberality which is sometimes met with in Protestantism, prohibited the reading of the work; and others went so far as to write to Catholics desiring them not to read it! It was not a flattering portrait that Father Denifle drew of the Apostate Friar, but it was painfully true, and it set the arch-heretic of the 16th century in his true light, spoiling the pretty but inaccurate likeness that recent German writers have drawn of him whom they persist in calling a reformer.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Grey Nuns are at t Retreat at the Mother Ho Order at Guy street.

Loyola Court, C. O. F., a grand picnic and game Shamrock lacrosse grou End, on Saturday, July 2 affair promises to be very Programme—10 o'clock a including foot races for old, tug-of-war, baseball, and others. Refreshments sold on the grounds at ci

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