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LEO'S PONTIFICATE.

The Papacy Has Gained in Power and Splendor.

MR. SATOLLI SUMS UP THE HISTORY OF THE REIGN.

In a letter to the New York World, His Excellency Archbishop Satolli summarizes the successes and glories of the Pontificate of Leo XIII. The letter says:



The Pontificate of Pope Leo must now be numbered among the longest in the history of the Church and has been marked each year by some luminous act of profound wisdom and untiring solicitude for the good, not only of Catholicity, but of mankind at large. No one in modern times has understood better than Pope Leo the needs of society in all branches of knowledge and fields of action.

It would seem as if, from the time when he succeeded Pope Pius, he had formed a grand plan, in which he took cognizance of all the needs of humanity and determined on the provisions he would make for those needs during the whole course of his Pontificate.

We can best distinguish this design of the Pope in three particular directions.

Firstly, in the Holy Father's ardent zeal for the development of studies.

Secondly, in the continued interest which he has shown in social science.

And thirdly, in his untiring efforts to bring peace into the Christian countries by the spread of civilization, the teaching of religion and the promotion of concord between Church and State.

With regard to studies Pope Leo has already reared a monument of imperishable fame by the successive acts of his Pontificate. Early in his reign he turned his attention to the encouragement of the study of classical literature; of philosophy and the natural sciences; of theology and the various branches of sacred sciences, such as Biblical knowledge and eccle-

siastical history; and of judicial sciences, especially of Roman law and comparative civil law. To accomplish his aim he founded new chairs and now institutions in Rome for these various departments of literary and encyclopedic knowledge, and called to his assistance some of the most eminent and learned professors.

With regard to sociology, it is another of the Holy Father's glories that at this latter end of the nineteenth century his encyclicals are regarded as so many admirable parts of a grand doctrinal system, comprehensive and universal, embracing all the social sciences, beginning with the fundamental theorems of natural law and going on to the consideration of political constitutions of states and of every economic question.

The whole world knows how well the Pope's encyclicals have carried out his plan, and how, for this reason, they have their own peculiar character by which they are distinguished from the Pontifical utterances of other Popes, even those of his immediate predecessor, Pius IX.

Turning again to his policy of pacification, the ecclesiastical history of his Pontificate, the civil history of Europe, the universal history of the human race, will in the future have to give up pages of the highest praise to Leo XIII. Germany, Belgium, France and Spain profess their boundless gratitude for the peace-giving interventions of Leo XIII. in many grave and critical emergencies, and for acts which have been of the greatest moment to those nations. Asia, too, and Africa, will be found joining in the chorus, and lauding Leo, who has so often and so resolutely labored to reawaken those old and fossilized portions of the earth to a new life of Christian civilization.

Nor will America, throughout its length and breadth, withhold its tribute of loyal and generous veneration, esteem and gratitude to Pope Leo for those acts of his Pontificate which have at various times been promulgated, and by which he has shown his confidence and hope in the grand future of this mighty nation.

During the seventeen years of his pontifical rule nothing has been more remarkable or plain than the incessant growth of this benignant moral influence. To-day the Holy Father's words are listened to with deference by every court, by every Government, by every people. On every question touching universal human interests his counsel is sought eagerly, and welcomed gratefully.

Despite, then, all the adverse trend of mundane circumstances, despite the loss of the external symbols of its high authority, the Papacy has gained in power and splendor since the accession of the present glorious Pontiff.

Fr. Archp. Satolli, Deleg. Apost.

Washington, March 2, 1895.

THE FIRST CRUSADE.

Preparing to Celebrate the Eighth Centenary of Pope Urban's War.

A LETTER FROM LEO XIII.

Preparations are being made in the old Episcopal See of Clermont to celebrate the eighth centenary of the first Crusade preached there by Blessed Urban II., who went thither in person for that end. Many researches have lately been made, and are still being made in the Vatican Library among the various ancient documents relating to those times. The date of the celebrations have been fixed by Mgr. Belmont, the Bishop of Clermont, from May 16th to May 20th. The Holy Father, apropos of the feasts, has sent a Brief to the Bishop of Clermont, of which the following is a translation:

VENERABLE BROTHER—You have informed Us both by word of mouth and by writing that it is your intention to celebrate with particular solemnity the coming eighth centenary of the General Council held in your Episcopal City in 1095 under the auspices of Our predecessor, Urban II., of holy memory. We cannot but highly praise such a design. In truth the Council of Clermont marked an event of exceptional importance in the pages of history, and the capital of Auvergne has good right to be proud of having been its seat. Without speaking of the many distinguished personages who took part in it, that Council will ever remain fresh in the memory among all others on account of its having given origin to the first of those heroic military expeditions whose scope was to dry the tears of the Christians in Palestine and to liberate the Holy Places sanctified by the Presence, Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Saviour of men.

Often had the Roman Pontiffs, as Silvester II. and Gregory VII., made heard their complaints and their prayers, and raised their voice in their favour. For Blessed Urban, however was reserved the joy of seeing the nations respond efficaciously to his call. The expedition was decided upon and three years afterwards the Christians in triumph entered Jerusalem.

As you have said in your letter, Venerable Brother, that great expedition obtained so wonderful a success because it had been prepared under the patronage of the Queen of Heaven by means of public prayers, the use of which has been perpetuated in the Church. Such are the grand and pious memories which the coming centenary will recall to the minds of the Faithful. They will supply them with a new motive for turning their gaze to that loved land where were carried out the mysteries of man's Redemption, to those olden churches of the East for which, We have elsewhere said, We bear so great a love.

But in an especial manner ought these feasts to be dear to the sons of the noble French nation, which played the principal part in that holy expedition. Let them call to mind, therefore, with what religious abnegation, with what obedience and unanimity

did their forefathers of eight centuries ago receive the word of the Vicar of Jesus Christ, and how at his invitation, casting aside all cause of division and inconsequences of weakness they welded together their opinions in one cause to fight the good fight for the greater glory of God, and that of their own country. Let this example teach the faithful of France to cherish more and more in their hearts devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of their nation. After the example of their forefathers let them find joy in showing themselves ever obedient sons of the Pontiff at Rome, their common Father, and the blessings of Heaven will be with them.

In order the more to stimulate their zeal and piety, We willingly grant, in virtue of Our Apostolic authority, to the faithful of France and of other countries who, during the year of the coming centenary of the Council of Clermont, in Auvergne, shall visit the Basilica of that city in which, from time immemorial, is venerated the holy image of the Blessed Virgin, under the title of Our Lady of the Port, the power of gaining once all the indulgences both plenary and partial with which the Roman Pontiffs have enriched the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, upon condition that, having confessed their sins and received Holy Communion, they pray for the general wants of the Church, for the extirpation of heresies and schisms, and especially for the return to Catholic unity of the separated Eastern Churches.

In the meantime, Venerable Brother, as a pledge of Our particular good will, we grant to you, to your clergy and flock, the Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican, Rome, Jan. 29th

LEO XIII. POPE.

St. Patrick's Day.

On Monday evening March 18th, there will be a number of concerts held under the auspices of the various national and Catholic societies.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians and their friends will be addressed at the Auditorium by Rev. F. Walsh C. S. B.; the I. C. B. A. at Association Hall by Messrs. C. J. McCabe and L. V. McBrady; the Catholic Celtic League by Mr. D. A. Carey; and the O'Connell Band at Temperance Hall by M. J. C. Walsh, Editor of the Catholic Register. Excellent musical programmes have also been provided for all these concerts as well as for a concert to be given by Branch No. 11, E.B.A. at Brockton in aid of St. Helen's Church fund. On the evening of Tuesday March 19th, the students of St. Michael's College will give an entertainment in the College Hall.

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