BOURKE COCKRAN.

His Splendid Address to the Graduating Class of Manhattan College.

This is the address delivered by the Hon. Bourke Cockran to the graduating class of Manhattan College:

YOUNG GENTLEMEN OF THE GRAD-UATING CLASS OF MANHATTAN COLLEGE: While I was in the midst of perplexity and doubt as to what I should say to you to-night, and while I cherished some feelings of resentment against Brother Anthony for alluding to me in terms calculated to test my credulity, and attempting to contribute some and attempting to contribute some-thing novel to your graduating exer-cises, my eyes fell on a communication which His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. has addressed to the Catholics of America through the American epis-copate, and I found in it to se signifi-cent words. "While the second cant words, "While industriously laboring for the glory of God and the salvation of souls entrusted to your care strive also to promote the welfare of your fellow-citizens and to prove the earnestness of your love for your country, so that they who are entrusted with the administration of the Government may clearly recognize how influence for the support of public order, for the advancement of public prosperity, is to be found in the

Catholic Charch.

Young gentlemen, the part you must play in carrying out these instructions of the Holy Father is the aspect of your graduation to which I would like to call your attention this evening. You are graduates of a Catholic college, and throughout your State you will be looked upon as the fruit of Catholic education, and to a great extent you must be the exponents of the faith from which your teaching In the addresses that were delivered here by your fellow-students, the past, the present and the future of this country were all discussed with admirable judgment and considerable eloquence. A former graduate, James P. Keenan, A. B., '91 of your college, Spoke of what this country owes to Catholicity. Let me call your atten-tion to what the world owes to our Church, and let me try to impress upon you the debt that you owe to her, and that you must discharge, no matter what calling you may pursue thorough all the years that you have

These words of the Holy Father I have read to you to night not because they contain anything new, but because they refer to the ancient teachings of the Church, because they show to-day that singular simplicity of the mission assigned to her from the dawn of Christianity. Through all the years that have lapsed, through all the centuries that have gone by, the pathwhich her teachings incline every

grappled with the rudest stage which istory has ever known. You remember how she instituted the order of chivalry to soften the conditions of pages of her history you will remem ber that the man who was a candidate for the honor of knighthood spent the night before his investiture in long vigils within the walls of a church neeling beside his armor, resisting the approaches of sleep and the pangs of hunger, triumphing over the weak ness of the flesh; and on the following day, when the white robe of innocence was wrapped around his shoulders and the golden spurs were placed upon the heels and his sword clasped upon his side, he took the obligation that he would maintain the truth, defend the weak and exalt the dignity of women

Times have changed, and the conditions of men have changed. To me there is nothing so impressive in the ceremony at which we assist to day as the lesson which we can draw from it, that while the mission of the Church is always the same, and the obligations she imposes upon you are still the same as those which she imposed in the days of chivalry in the feudal ages, yet that she changes them to meet the new conditions of mankind, that every difficulty that besets society, she faces and meets and overcomes.

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You, young gentlemen, are the nights of this modern crusade. We knights of this modern crusade. thrust the sword no longer by your side, because the dangers that menace society are no longer confined in any threat of hostile foeman to bring to confer upon you here to-day these diplomas that ground you in the essential elements of Christian truth, that through all your lives you may meet and overcome any heresy that may be leveled against fundamental doctrines of Chris-

Conceive, for a moment, the manner in which the Church to-day discharges the mission which in all ages she has discharged! Conceive the benefits you have enjoyed, and from that deduce the lesson of the enormous responsibil-ities that are imposed upon your shoulders. In this age we measure every-

thing of value by its capacity to produce wealth. Here in this diocese three thousand men and women who create wealth by tens of millions with their own energy have deliberately turned their backs upon all the walks of human ambition and devoted all their days, their thoughts and their energies to your equipment and to the equipment of other young men for the tests and the struggles and the diffi-

culties of life.

You are the beneficiaries of that enormous force which exists nowhere except in the Catholic Church, which can exist nowhere except in bosoms that are inspired by a love for that eternal truth which is always found within the bounds of the Eternal Church.

How, then, are you to carry out this admonition of the Holy Father? What part are you to play in proving to the world the powerful influence which the Catholic Church can exercise in the maintenance of social order and for the advancement of national prosperity? You can in your daily lives be true to the three purposes which animated the knights of old-maintain the truth, be loyal to the faith, profess your creed. Always steer your course through life by the chart which has been given you by your Alma Mater. Maintain the truth wherever you go Where are we to find it? Where are we to look for it? We most certainly will find it in the doctrines and teach

ings of the holy Catholic Church.

I have said that we are no longer in of foemen. No longer does anyone try to take the cross from over the steeple of our church, to overturn altars, or to profane sanctuaries. there are forces at work calculated to take the spirit of truth from your bosoms and to overturn in your mind that reverence for the Christian faith to which, if you are to be successful and creditable and useful in your day, you must ever remain loyal. must maintain this truth. As I asked you, where are you to

find this truth, how would you look for it? If it ever be your fortune to visit Rome, to go down into the Cata-combs, you will there be shown in one of the narrow passages the skeleton of a human body, the skeleton of a Christian who was buried there in the second century. His bones remain there now nigh eighteen hundred years; and as the Catholic looks upon him, he recognizes in that form, which once held a human soul, an acquaint-ance; for from the day he could lisp a prayer he has prayed for the repos-of that soul, as he has prayed for the repose of all other souls of the faithful departed. There looking round within the limits of the horizon, you see the wreck and the ruins of ancient splendor. Monarchs have fallen and way of liberty was mapped out by the splendor. Monarchs have fallen and doctrine of Christianity. And the rules of social order on which all free doms and nations have sunk into obtained into the contract of the splendor. institutions must depend are but the livion; palaces have crumbled into of Christian morality toward dust; dynasties have been overthrown; dust of centuries are piled upon the forum; institutions have perished: but You are fresh from the study of the development and evolution of our modern civilization. You remember the method in which the Church first the method in which bear the method in which the Church first the method in which the method in which the church first the method in which the method in which the church first the method in which the method i the road to the most perfect civiliza-tion. It is the truth that is eternal the Truth that has withstood the de-And as you recall the struction of all institutions-the Truth that is the Truth to day, though I speak in the language that did not then exist. And the bond which binds you with all the civilization of two thousand years is the faith you and I profess, which is the basis of all civilization, from which all modern progress has come, the liberty of which we oast, the liberty which we cherish, the liberty which is secure for the pres ent and for the future. What is it but the recognition of certain rules which the Church has preached now for two thousand years and is illustrating to you to-day? fundamental doctrines of every institution from a secular standpoint Equality before the law; supremacy of the law itself, and the eligibility of everyone to the highest office within the State. Is that a new doctrine discovered on this soil for the first time Are you, young gentlemen, is humanity, beholden to the discovery of this continent or to the adoption of our Constitution for the discovery of these principles? Why, for two thousand years the Church has preached and shown that all men were equal in the sight of God, that the law of God was the supreme law and that every son of the Church was eligible to the priest

> pillar of equality! Now, gentlemen t is by loyalty to the Catholic Church that you can become the best citizens that this republic has ever known. When this continent was discovered as the direct result of a fervent faith entertained by the great navigator Columbus, the old order was vanishing in Europe, and in Spain was to be found its last vestige. There was no There was no feudalism left in France after Louis XI. You know that it perished in England with the Wars of the Roses And so the old civilization of blood. of rapine, of carnage, and of destruction has been accomplished. The man-ners of men had been modified and plause.)

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softened by the influence of the Christian Church; and then in the provi dence of God, by the direct interven-tion of Catholie activity, this glorious land was unfolded before the eyes of man, and built on the ruins of the ancient civilization. This modern commercial civilization of ours was founded upon Catholic enterprise, upon Catholic piety, upon Catholic love of spreading the faith to regions then unknown to the civilized world. Through all that period of confusion the Church was ever wielding the influence of peace. This civilization is not the civilization of destruction, but built upon destruction. The man who gains the highest award in this State of ours is not the man clothed in glittering armor; nor is he the man who burns villages, or destroys human life: it is the man who invents some new method of cheapening labor, some new method of cheapening the cost of production, some new method of spreading the general prosperity of his fellow-beings. But that is essentially a development of that policy of peace which the Church always taught. Here we see again that civilization is essentially the pro-duct of Catholic faith, of Catholic

morality. You, young gentlemen, going out into the world now, with the seal of the Church upon your brow—with certificates attesting your capacity to meet the difficulties of life—are to be the exponents of this Christian educa-I have said that we are no longer in tion, and to a great extent its value danger of invasion by an armed band will be decided by the manner in which you bear yourselves. All men cannot achieve fame. The Holy Father says that it is our duty to so comport ourselves that those who are entrusted with the administration of the Government may clearly recognize how strong an influence to support the public order and for the advancement of public prosperity is to be found in the Catholic Church. They who control the Government! Who are they? Who are they who control the Government of these United States? The common people.

Every man who has reached the age of manhood, every person in possession of his faculties, who can approach the ballot box, who is free from taint of crime, is one of the controlling influences over this Government of ours. Therefore it is not necessary that life should be conspicuous in order to have an influence upon those who control the Government. Every human life weilds an influence all around it. Nothing is wasted in the economy Not one single drop of of nature. rain that fell to day has gone to waste. Every one has filled some part in the great economy of life which is con-trolled by Providence. Every ray of light that escapes from the sun performs a mission upon this earth of Every wind that blows around ours. us is charged with some important function; and every human life performs its intended duty. And in a republic like this where all men govern, this very life is capable of exercising a wide influence upon the future of the nation. When, therefore, you are to control your lives so as to convince those who control the Government of the value of the Church, it means that regio's altar pieces than elsewhere passed, the doctrines of your Church those who control the Government of the value of the Church, it means that you must so regulate your own daily life that your neighbors can see it. In whatever walk you may exercise your faculties-whatever occupation you may pursue—they will recognize in you that industry, that love of truth that devotion to honor, which should characterize every man who starts in life with the approval of the Church

upon his brow. That is the mission that lies before you; and be not deceived by those who assume that a disbelief in the truth of religion is an evidence of strength, or which our limited space would allow us has ever been discovered which in any way disapproves the doctrine of true religion. Science and religion go hand in hand as far as science can go; but when we come to that point where human knowledge is exhaus where the human eye is baffled by the darkness and gloom of doubt and ignorance-then religion lights the lamp and tells everyone that the begin-ning was the Word, and the Word was

While you are loval to that faith which recognizes the value to the human race of all instruction and all education, you will always be loyal to yourselves. You stand now upon the edge of an unknown sea; you cannot even tell the progress which you are making. You may not escape disaster, you may not escape difficulty, but if you are loyal to the chart which you are given by your Church and by your college you need never fear absolute shipwreck. You need never fear that anything you may do, while you are guided by conscience and faith, will be discreditable to yourselves or injurious to your country. your lamps, if you guide your foot-steps by the light which the Church sheds over your path, you may be assured that every day of your lives, every act which you perform, every-thing which you do, will tend not only benefit, but it will be of to your own advantage and credit to your religion. to your Church, to your college, and of enduring benefit to your country and to your fellow-men. (Great ap

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Philadelphia Catholic Times.

Dr. Duffield writes an article in the Independent maintaining that a minister suspended for heresy does not cease thereby to be a member of the Presbyterian Church in good standing. It is as difficult to see how a heretic can be a member in good standing as it is to see how a rebel against the Government can be a citizen in good standing. The only rights the Washington General Assembly seemed to recognize in Dr. Briggs are funeral

A man by the name of William Nesbit was tried and condemned to death in Denver for the murder of Mrs. Irwin. He walked into her bed-room and deliberately killed his defenseless victim. Counsel in his defence put forth the strange plea that Nesbit was not responsible for the killing of Mrs Irwin because he was an Orangeman, with whom hatred of Catholics was a virtue, which had been religiously instilled into his nature by his mother when he was a child in Ireland. Orange insanity is a new plea.

Boston Republic.

A startling sensation has been caused in Tennessee by the statement that a Catholic is engaged on the staff of the Knoxville Tribune. The Tennessee Methodist made the discovery, and proclaimed the fact to the slumbering community whose liberties were thus menaced. The Tribune to allay public excitement and save itself from confiscation, denied the charge. But the Methodist insisted that its information was reliable. "We are prepared to prove that a Catholic reports for the *Tribune*; that he told one minister of Knoxville that he reported his sermon for the Tribune, and that he applied to another pastor in that city for one of his ermons for the same paper; and that he has been seen more than once in the Tribune office seemingly engaged as other employes are." This is shockother employes are." This is shocking! We have no doubt the wretch who thus invaded the precincts of anti-Catholic journalism is a Jesuit in dis-guise! The Methodist is deserving of credit for unearthing this foul plot against the liberties of Tennessee Just imagine the impudence of the man! He called on two ministers and he was seen to act as other employes of the Tribune acted! Well. Well! Where is Fulton?

Antigonish Casket. In the course of a recent address be fore a Catholic audience, Miss Frances Willard, the gifted President of the W. C. T. U. of America, spoke feelingly of the good she had derived from the reading of Catholic authors and the contact with Catholic ideals. A writer in the *Union Signal* thus reports her words: "When our national President spoke on the last evening, she told her Catholic audience that they were not to think that she had got no good out of their cult. For many a weary mile she had carried in her satchel, to read on the train, "Thomas a Kempis," "Fenelon," and "Madame Guyon." In Europe she had paused among works of art. She had studied their cathedrals, loved their saints, and, like a humming bee that visits all the gardens, had gathered more than words could tell from the glowing passion flower of their great, historic

HARVARD HONORS BISHOP

Harvard College has honored herself by honoring Bishop Keane, rector of the Catholic University, with the degree of Doctor of Laws. The learned and eloquent prelate created a very favorable impression upon the presi dent and faculty of Harvard by his masterly lecture delivered in Dudleian course three years ago. the most marked and substantial way the oldest university of the East manifests her appreciation of his scholarly attributes and his great intellectual attainments by conferring upon him the highest distinction in

President Elliot has, on more than one occasion, given personal testimony of his respect for the rector of the great Catholic University. No doub it was by his suggestion, and through his influence, that Dr. Keane has been made an alumnus of Harvard. Catholics have a right to rejoice over this fresh and striking exhibition of growing liberality on the part of en-lightened Protestants toward their religion and toward the dis-tinguished men of letters who have been matriculated at their educational institutions. The miserable bigots who rail against the Pope and his Church in America may incident the death-knell of their un-American, un-Christian agitation They are the ignorant, besotted, brutal foes of Christian progress. stand in the roadway of advancement and enlightenment only to be trampled upon by the moving hosts of liberal men of all sections, classes, creeds and races who are co-operating to make America the home and the habitation of civil and religious liberty.

In the great movement toward that consummation Harvard College is

holding the first place. She has her Catholic club, a body approved and encouraged by the faculty, and now TOTAT DISABILITY. encouraged by the faculty, and now she enrolls upon her list of distinguished alumni one of the most gifted, learned and devout prelates of the Catholic Church.

HOME RULE.

The Sun's London cable says :-There is no longer any danger for Gladstone's Government in the com-

"The funniest incident in my long experience here," said Principal Keeper Connaughton, of Sing Sing, a few days ago, in one of his reminscent moods, "occured about two months ago.

"I laughed till I cried when it happened, and the thought of it helped to cheer me up in the troublous times of the murderers' escape which followed.

"We had a very small man brought here in January who was an old-time sneak thief in other States. We had to make a special suit of stripes for him, and he seemed to be proud of the cut of the coat. He was an especially good prisoner, and I was very much surprised to be called to his cell one morning just before breakfast. I wondered as I hurried along the corridor whether he had been trying to escape, and resolved, if I found it so, to put no more faith in human nature.

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Sizued in behalf of the congregation:

Jas. Griffin, Thos. Rielly, as, Dalton, Thos. Hore, John Griffin, D. Sullivan, John Long, Morgan Dalton, Thos. Sullivan, John Long,

\$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 -Rate per month-4c. 7c, 18c. 35c, 5c. 9c. 22c. 43c, 6c, 11c. 26c. 51c. From 17 to 22. 29 to 32. 38 to 40. Other rates according to age. No assessment at death. W. Lane, G. S. T.,
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most doleful expression imaginable on his little face.

"Mr. Connaughton,' he gasped, 'Thave lost my coat. Do you know that there are thieves in this prison?' "When I was able to speak I replied that we might possibly have a few and went back to enjoy the heartiest breakfast I had eaten for years. I don't know what became of the coat. but I think that some one must have taken it for a curiosity."

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The Grand Branch of the association is now incorporated and registered as formal procession was then formed, consisting of the control of the control

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The President shall ask at every meeting in loss than a year his establishment under this order of business," if any brother is out of employment, or if any brother knows of a vacancy.

"The Rec, Sec. shall keep a register of all members out of employment, and of situations years. all members out of employment, and of situations vacant.

Members out of employment shall give the Rec. Sec. their name, address, and kind of employment desired.

OBLIGATION.

The members of each Branch shall receive holy Communion in a body on Low Sunday if possible.

If any member fails to receive Holy Communion at Easter, he shall be deprived of guarantee of purity.