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ANGLICAN CONVERTS.

Letter from the Pope in Their Behalf.

The Holy Father points out the sacrifices English Ministers make in coming over to the Church—Cardinal Vaughan Directs to Establish a Fund for Their Immediate Aid.

At a great Catholic conference, organized by the Catholic Truth Society at Vaughan, England, on Sept. 28th, Cardinal Vaughan made an important reference to the question of Anglican converts. He read the following letter which he had received from the Pope touching the condition of English converts to the Catholic Church.

We need not remind you of our special affection for England and of our ardent desire to provide in every way for the spiritual welfare of its sons. The many proofs of this you already know. One point, however, to the high importance of which you and your brethren in the Episcopate will not fail to give attention, is your concern for them at this moment, and it has led us to form a project which we hasten to recommend to your zeal, and through you to the generous charity of the Catholics of England. We cannot without deep emotion contemplate the very painful, sometimes hopeless condition of converted Anglican clergymen, who, in prompt obedience to the call of divine grace, have entered into the Catholic Church. Withdrawn, in many cases, from a position of ease and comfort, they find themselves immediately after their conversion in a state most critical, and sometimes in absolute destitution, with no means of maintaining themselves, or of providing for the urgent needs of their families. By birth, by education, and by their habits of life, they are wholly unprepared for such enormous sacrifices, and when these privations are added to a cruel anguish of broken friendships and social isolation, it is hardly a matter for surprise if some find themselves unable to persevere. Many, indeed, well know how necessary every sacrifice to follow without delay the voice of conscience, and to embrace the truth. These noble examples are known to you, dear son, and they deserve more praise than you can give. They have rightly remembered that, when the welfare of the soul is at stake, no consideration of a temporal nature must be yielded to, however painful it may be. God will one day give them the reward of a hundredfold which they have sown in an act almost of heroism, the thought of which may make others of less virtue hesitate, and delay the decisive step until it is too late. We would wish, therefore, to come to the aid of those who have taken this step, or are about to take it. For this purpose, what we ourselves have thought of, and now propose to you, would be the formation in England of a considerable fund for the help of converted Anglican clergymen. Our object is not, and cannot be, to obtain for them a position superior, or even equal, to that which they have so nobly given up; for they would still have privations to undergo. But we would wish at least to secure for them the means of providing for their most urgent needs during the time when their conversion, until they are able to obtain, by their own efforts, the resources required for a suitable maintenance. We desire you, dear son, to communicate with your brethren in the Episcopate for the organization of this work, and to invite all who have the means of doing so to join with you for the realization of a project which effects the salvation of so many chosen souls. We are well acquainted with your zeal and that of the bishops and clergy of England, and also with the generosity of our Catholic children in England, to doubt for a moment of the reception that will be given to this proposal which our own heart has dictated to us. For your encouragement, dearest son, and as a token of our affection, receive the Apostolic Blessing.

Rome, at St. Peter's, Aug. 23rd, 1896.
"Pope Leo XIII."

C. M. B. A. Trustees at Windsor.

Windsor, Oct. 13.—The trustees of the Grand Lodge, Catholic Mutual Benefit Society, held a business session in Windsor yesterday. The trustees, among whom are Hon. M. F. Hackett, Provincial Secretary of Quebec, Grand President; Mr. H. Brown of London, Grand Secretary, and Dr. Ryan and Mr. J. L. Rooney of Toronto arrived in the city on Sunday afternoon. They were met by members of the local branch of the Order, and escorted to the British Hotel, where an address of welcome was presented and responded to by Hon. Mr. Hackett. Among the questions discussed was that of organization, and it was decided to appoint organizers for all sections of the Dominion at a future date. Mr. H. Brown's former of the organization was selected as the organizer for Ontario, and Messrs. John Dugall of Toronto and John DeGarmo of Windsor for Essex County. In the evening the grand trustees were entertained at a banquet given in their honor by the Windsor Branch, C. M. B. A., No. 1.

Rev. Dr. Flinnery.

The Rev. Dr. Flinnery has returned from Ireland, where he has been attending the Irish Convention at Dublin as one of the Canadian delegates. He pronounces the convention an unqualified success, and says it will result in great benefit to the cause of Home Rule.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

League of the Cross.

The above society after its summer vacation started its season of '96 '97 on September 13th, in St. Anne's Hall, Power st., under very favorable circumstances. The meeting was called for 5 p. m., and by that time the hall was pretty well filled by old and new members eager to enroll themselves under the banner of Temperance. Rev. Father Hand then addressed the meeting on the advantages and advisability of returning again on a more solid basis. He referred to the style of member who are desirable and likely to form a real society. He then introduced the Rev. Father Canning to the members. The latter, in a short speech, spoke to the members for a short while on the two-fold aspect of the Temperance cause, the physical and the moral, and promised them the pleasure of a longer address on a future occasion.

Meeting Sept. 20th. Meeting opened by the usual prayer by Rev. Father Canning, Mr. M. Daly, Vice President, in the Rev. Father Canning, being called upon gave a few words of remarks and concluded by moving, seconded by Mr. Harris, that the nomination of officers be proceeded with. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. Father Canning; Vice President, Mr. George Duffy; Secretary, Mr. Wm. Tallon; Recording Secretary, Peter Shea, Assistant Rec. Secretary, Frank Larkin; Financial Secretary, Mr. Ed. Stubbs; Treasurer, Mr. Thomas Harris. After the election of officers the Rev. Father Canning called upon each of the members to take the pledge and 30 members responded, after which the meeting adjourned with prayer by the Rev. President, to meet on the following Sunday, Sept. 27th, 1896.

Meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. President, Father Canning, after which he gave a few remarks on the subject of Temperance, and then requested any who had not already joined to do so on this occasion. Many of the members offered their pledge. Concluding he offered a suggestion to the members on the advisability of having a number of speakers for the meeting of October 11th, 1896.

The following gentlemen kindly consented to address them on that occasion: Messrs. James Wright, A. Whelan, J. Foley, John Daly and Frank Larkin. A committee were appointed to wait on one of the clergymen of the city and have him address the meeting of Sunday, October 11th, 1896.

After a pleasant half hour by Prof. O'Brien, formerly of Guelph, but now of this city, the meeting was brought to a close with prayer by the Rev. President.

PETER SHEA,
Rec. Secretary.

C. O. F.

At a regular meeting of St. Leo Court, No. 581, Catholic Order of Foresters, Toronto, Ont., held Wednesday, October 7th, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved—That the members of St. Leo Court, Toronto, Ontario, be invited to the annual meeting of the Order, to be held in Toronto, Ontario, on the 15th of October, 1896.

J. G. LORRUS,
Rec. Secretary.

I. C. B. A.

To Miss M. Kelly and members of family.

DEAR SISTERS—Having heard with deep sorrow that it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call from this world your beloved mother, we the members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Society tender to you and to your family our sincere sympathy and condolence in your sad affliction, and trust that our Holy Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, will obtain for you from Her wise Son grace to bow in humble submission to His divine will. On behalf of members of Society,

SUSIE KELLY,
Rec. Secretary.

Catholic Truth Society.

St. Mary's Branch, Toronto.

At the last regular meeting of this Branch the Rev. Father Rooney, lately of Ottawa, Ont., delivered a very interesting address dealing with the workings of the Society in that city. Most interesting was his reference to the late Sir John Thompson and his earnestness in the work of the Society, and of the influence this great man had upon the minds of those who were fortunate enough to hear him speak upon matters relating to Catholicity. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Father was passed. Mr. E. J. Hearn and seconded by Dr. T. Loftus, after which a program of music, vocal and instrumental, was rendered by the following ladies: Misses Landy, Kate Haines, Nellie James and K. Clark.

The Secretary had the opportunity of asking any kindly disposed friends in Toronto who have literature to spare for hospital and prison work to send their names and addresses to Mr. John Doyle, 601 Queen street West, who will call for same.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Nun of Koumaro is a point, and has been received back into the Church.

REGISTER JOTTINGS.

Col. M. Shauo of Halifax N.S. was received in audience by the Pope on Sep. 24th.

Chevalier Thomas Lynch K.C.B. has just passed away at Kimberley South Africa. He was born in 1813. He received the Knighthood of St. Gregory in 1876 from the Pope. The Chevalier was a bachelor.

According to advices from the Philippines regarding the insurrection there native and half caste women are taking an active part in the rebellion some of them even handling firearms. Quite a hundred monks are believed to have been massacred several being tied to trees and burned alive.

The Hon. Mrs. Maurice Drummond, the daughter of the late Earl Russell, and aunt of the present Lord Ribblesdale, was received into the Church on the Feast of Our Lady of Immaculation, by the Rev. Dean Brown, rector of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone road, London, England.

Cardinal Isidoro Verga, has been appointed Grand Penitentiary in succession to Cardinal Monaco La Valetta. Mgr. Tripodi, Secretary of the Congregation of Rites, has been appointed Procurator of the Secretariat of State, in place of Mgr. Fiumalini, appointed Nuncio at Brussels.

After having supported the violent heat of the dog days as well as in previous years the Pope was advised by Dr. Lappoini at the end of August to have change of air and scene, and with this object to visit himself of the Palazzo which Leo XIII. has had built in the gardens of the Vatican.

The Archbishop of Canterbury died suddenly in the rectory at Havardon, Mr. Gladstone's residence, on Sunday last. Dr. Benson had been visiting Ireland and called upon Mr. Gladstone on his way back to London. He attended church in the morning and had an apoplectic seizure during the service.

Sir Charles and Lady Tupper celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday last. They were felicitated by the members representing the Senate and Commons. They were the recipients of a large number of gifts. Among the messages of congratulation received were telegrams from Archbishop O'Brien of Halifax and Archbishop Langovin of St. Boniface.

The Boston Pilot says the announcement of the resignation of the Right Rev. Bishop Keane from the rectorship of the Catholic University of America has been received with general surprise on his way to London by the letters and achievements of the Bishop the paper adds that while the wisdom of the American episcopate and the Holy Father will find a worthy successor to Bishop Keane it can find none braver, more loyal, more devoted or more thoroughly for God and his church.

The fetes in connection with the celebration of the fourteenth centenary of the baptism of Clovis commenced on Oct. 2nd at Rheims with the removal of the remains of St. Remy, who baptised Clovis, to a new place, the cathedral. The ceremony was attended by a large number of people. Cardinal Perraud pronounced an inaugural address based on the conversion of Clovis. He urged the union of the faithful for the purpose of assuring the triumph of Christian France over Atheism in France.

The Queen and the Pope have exchanged cordial letters upon the occasion of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's reign. The Pope, after congratulating her and sending his best wishes, thanked the Queen in grateful terms for the freedom of worship which she has granted to the Catholics throughout the British Empire. The reply of Her Majesty was most cordial. She declared herself happy to repeat her former assurances of the perfect freedom of Catholics within her dominion, and added that it was her pleasing duty to acknowledge their fidelity and loyalty.

Banquet to Messrs Costigan and Heney

OTTAWA, Oct. 12.—Chevalier John Heney, who, with Hon. John Costigan, was a delegate to the Irish Race Convention, arrived to day. This evening both the gentlemen were tendered a public reception in St. Patrick's hall, after which they were entertained to a banquet in the Russell house. Speaking of the Convention, Mr. Heney says it was a grand success, being a representative gathering of the Irishmen of the world. He was confident that much good would result from the deliberations. Questioned regarding the charge made against him that he was an associate of Leo Caron, the spy, Mr. Heney said:—"Yes, that's what they did call me, but they soon apologized by stating that they had mistaken me for a man named Finnerty." "Do you believe it was a mistake?" asked the reporter. "I do not. I think they were in earnest in saying what they did, and fearing the consequences made the statement they did in order to crawl out of it."

The Late Mother Odella.

A correspondent writes: On Friday morning, Oct. 10th, death visited Lord Alford, depriving the community of a valuable member in the person of Mrs. Mary Odella. It was not death in grim aspect, however, but a death much longed for by the good and faithful servant to enter into the joy of the Lord. Since her entrance into religion Mother Odella seemed imbued with the true spirit of her lofty calling, and though often asked the sacrifice of home and friends and family of self, she renounced all gladly and in a long before death came the immolation was complete.

In every office to which duty called her, perfection was plainly her aim, and when appointed Superior in Guelph, a few years ago, she proved a constant model to those who had the happiness of being under her charge. A calm and woman in every sense of the word, she was always ready to encounter the many trials that inevitably beset a life of self-annihilation. Her delicate constitution has never been severely tried by the austere life of religious life, she bore up bravely until a month ago, when she left Guelph and arrived at the Abbey in a very precarious state of health. Each day brought a visible decline and she realized fully that death was not far distant. There was no pining for prolonged existence, but her whole soul was consumed with a longing to be united with her heavenly Spouse. Her constant prayer during life was that she may die after receiving Holy Communion; and her prayer was realized beyond all expectations, for her last hour on earth was sanctified by the reception of our Blessed Lord, and her thanksgiving was finished in His actual presence. This was surely the joy of earthly happiness—to be borne away from this vale of tears in the loving embrace of Christ and to enter the celestial kingdom to join the chosen ones who follow the Lamb; it verifies beyond doubt the promise of our Lord's promise to those who have left all—a hundred-fold in this life and life everlasting in the world to come.

The Requiem Mass was most impressive and the singing, especially the pathetic rendering of "Rest, Spirit Rest," was calculated to inspire the devout devotion of the congregation. The solemnity of the service was enhanced by the presence of the Holy Father, who accompanied this much-loved sister until they saw her borne away to her last resting place. A death which leaves no indelible impression on the mind, it proves beyond a doubt that those who serve God faithfully in this life will receive His sweetest blessings at that dread moment that decides whether or not they will be endless sorrow or perpetual bliss. For a soul departing in His love and grace we have every reason to believe that her eternity will be spent in the sunshine of God's visible presence.

Encyclical on the Holy Rosary.

Rome, Sept. 20.—The affectionate attachment of our Holy Father to that great and increasing devotion of Catholics to the Mother of God, the Holy Rosary, is manifested this year as in the past by the publication of an Encyclical at the approach of the month of October. The address, in which he continues to express his interest in the special prayer of the faithful during the month that Christian duties may be united anew in one fold, under one pastor. The great shrine of the Holy Rosary in Italy, the sanctuary of the valley of Pompeii, owes almost all its privileges and indulgences to Leo XIII. To him it is indebted for the remarkable favor of being a pontifical sanctuary, a place of worship, that is, withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the local bishop and taken directly under the administration of the Pope himself. As his representative he had named Cardinal Monaco la Valetta, with the title of Protector of the Shrine. Cardinal Monaco having recently died His Holiness made a new nomination in the person of Cardinal Mazzolla. The latter was with great pomp last week installed as Protector of the entire town of Pompeii, a handsome and flourishing borough which has grown up around the shrine within the past few years—being in festive garb, and large bodies of visitors from Naples and even from Rome being present for the solemn occasion. Cardinal Mazzolla is the well known theologian of the Society of Jesus, who for the high merits of his doctrine was made Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Studies, and who was given the presidency of the Commission appointed a couple of months ago to inquire into the question of Anglican Orders.

New St. Peter's Church, Kaitiaki.

CHATHAM, Oct. 13.—Bishop O'Connor, assisted by the neighboring clergy, dedicated a divine service at St. Peter's Church, Kaitiaki. After the dedication of the church High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Leopold, of Chatham, in the presence of the Bishop and the clergy.

LEADERLESS PARTY.

William Harcourt will not lead the Liberals.

He will withdraw from public life. Three Members of Party Dismissed Gladstone, Rosebery and Harcourt.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The St. James Gazette says Sir William Harcourt has addressed a letter to the Liberal Whigs resigning the leadership of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons, and also intimating a desire on his part to withdraw from Parliament altogether. Sir William Harcourt. The St. James Gazette says, has also written a letter to Mr. Gladstone, in which he says he is about to withdraw from Parliament, regarding such action as the best course he could pursue in order to show that no ignoble ambition has guided his actions. The announcement of Sir William's voluntary retirement may have the effect to rally upon his side many politicians who have hitherto refrained from taking part in the agitation in regard to the leadership of the Liberal Party in succession to Lord Rosebery.

BISHOP KEANE RESIGNS.

He Resigns from the Rectorship of the Catholic University.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The Right Rev. John J. Keane has resigned the rectorship of the Catholic University in this city. On Sunday afternoon last the Bishop made a statement including the following letter which on Sep. 28, he received, through his Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, from the Holy Father, Leo XIII.

To our Venerable Brother, John Joseph Keane, Bishop of Ajaccio.

Venerable Brother, health, and Apostolic benediction. It is customary that they who are appointed to preside over Catholic universities should not hold the office in perpetuity. This custom has grown up through wise reasons, and the Roman Pontiffs have ever been careful that it should be adhered to. Since therefore, venerable brother, you have now presided for several years over the university at Washington, in the first establishment and subsequent development of which you have shown laudable zeal and diligence, it has seemed best that the above-mentioned custom should not be departed from, and that another, whose name is to be proposed to us by the Bishops, should be appointed to succeed you in this honorable position. In order, however, that in your resignation this office due regard may be had to your person and your dignity, we have determined to elevate you to the rank of Archbishop.

Being solicitous for your future welfare, we leave it to your own choice either to remain in your own country, or, if you prefer it, to come to Rome. If you choose the former, we will designate for you some Archbishop-elect, by vote of the Bishops of the United States. If you prefer the latter, we shall welcome you most lovingly, and will place you among the Consultors of the Congregation of Studies, and the Congregation of the Propaganda, in both of which you could do much for the interests of religion in the United States. In this latter case, we would also assign you a suitable revenue for your honorable maintenance.

Confidently trusting, venerable brother, that you will accept this, our administrative act, with hearty good will, we most lovingly bestow upon you the Apostolic benediction as a pledge of our paternal affection.

Given at Rome, from St. Peter's, on this 15th day of September, 1896, in the nineteenth year of our pontificate. (Signed.) "Leo XIII., Pope."

The Anti-Masonic Congress.

The Anti-Masonic Congress, which has just been held at Trent, has, says The Liverpool Catholic Times, evidently inspired the foreign members of the Anti-Masonic Congress, who, under the leadership of the Grand Master, Signor Nathan, the "Grand Master of the Orient of Italy," issued a denunciation of the gathering, in which he frankly stated that the Masonic Order is "a solid barrier, a formidable rampart," against the restoration of the power of the clergy over bodies and souls. The remarkable success of the Congress was a fitting answer to this appeal to the power of the lodges. From a special correspondent we learn that the hotels and private houses are all filled with foreigners from every country, Italy, France, Hungary, Austria, England, Germany, Spain, Portugal, and America sent representatives to join in organizing a crusade against a sect which, on the Continent at least, is declared enemy of Christian society. The Congress did not confine itself merely to an exposure of the evils wrought by Freemasonry. With the approval of the Holy Father, who in a letter which

we have already published gave his hearty encouragement to the proceedings, it was decided to form an international organization against the craft with a central office in Rome. The object is to enlighten as to the work of the lodges by public meetings and suitable publications, medals and prizes will be given for the best essays on the subject. It is, therefore, probable that the resolutions of the Congress will mark an epoch in the struggle against Freemasonry.

Montreal Points the Way.

A movement has been set on foot in Montreal to which we wish every success. It has in view the affiliation of the various Irish National societies of the city and the formation of a permanent "Central Council." It is said to scheme to receive practical force in August 1st, when the Irish societies of Montreal met for the election of delegates to the Irish Race Convention, although it had long been in contemplation. A circular has now been addressed to the various societies interested setting forth in outline the new affiliation and leaving the details of organization for a representative convention to determine. The circular says:

The necessity of having such a Council, as proposed, must be apparent to every one acquainted with existing conditions in this city. If it is desirable as a race to hold our own; to maintain and extend our influence; to promote our best interests; to attain that position in the community to which by our numbers we are fairly entitled, then it is absolutely necessary that we should organize to do so more effectively than we have done in the past, and it will be conceded by all who take the matter in a serious consideration, that the proposed Council is a move in the right direction.

Such a Council would afford a means by which we could have an interchange of views on all questions of importance that affect our interests. It would bring the Societies into closer touch with one another, and lead to intelligent co-operation in all matters where united action might be deemed advisable; the ties that bind us together would be strengthened, and we would have a more intimate knowledge of our position and requirements. It would surely assist in us a spirit of harmony, and tend to our employing the means best calculated to elevate our race, and gain the respect and good will of the other races that make up the great community of which we are an important part; it would infuse new energy and greater usefulness in bodies already established, and encourage the formation of new societies in districts where at present they do not exist.

Some such project as this has been long in the minds of many of the leading men in the Irish National and Catholic societies of Toronto. Other nationalities—almost all other nationalities we might say—have their clubs and associations. Irish and other Catholic citizens have a variety of organizations which contain the finest possible material for a central club, the existence of which would be creditable alike to its members and to the city. Such a society could build and maintain a modern club house. We might write an entire column on the advantages to be derived from an institution of this kind; but let our earnest hope suffice that Montreal may carry to rapid success the movement it has begun and point out a practical way to Toronto.

A Political Ismail.

Mr. Joseph Martin, the author of the Manitoba School law which brought six years of persecution upon the Catholics of Manitoba, expected to get a portfolio in Mr. Laurier's Government as the price of his patriotic services. Mr. Laurier has not seen his way to gratify Joseph's ambition, but there is a row. It is said that Mr. Martin has gone to the States, and that he is by him is to the effect that he returns to western obscurity for a period of ten years, not voluntarily, but by compulsion. He made a hard fight for recognition, and he did himself no good. Although there may be a touch of pique in a man who can take his medicine in this way, no one will regret Mr. Martin's absence from public life. The treatment he has received shows that he was ambitious even to his political friends.

The School Question.

An Ottawa special to the Globe of Wednesday says: The school question was under consideration at a Cabinet Council this afternoon at which the Hon. Mr. Cameron was present as the representative of the Ontario Government. The basis of settlement already outlined was under consideration, and it is understood that only one or two details remained to be finally settled.

Rev. Father Ryan.

Rev. Father Ryan, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, has returned to the city after having delivered in Ireland, following the Irish Race Convention, the series of public addresses throughout the country which have made his name so prominent. He will lecture in Toronto on his Irish visit at a date not yet announced.