

RELIGION AND THE STATE

Catholic Colleges of the United States Agree upon a Plan for more successful Competition with the State.

Chicago, April 13.—The third annual gathering of the conference of Catholic colleges closed here to-day. Mgr. Conaty presided. As in previous years the conference was held in the large assembly hall of St. James' High School. The following letters were read:—

Washington, D.C., April 13, 1901. Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D.D., Rector Catholic University of America, Chairman of the Association of Catholic Colleges.

Rt. Rev. Dear Sir:—I regret that again this year, it will be impossible for me to be present at Chicago at the annual convention of your association. Could I so arrange it, I would gladly be there, for, as I have already assured the Association through a proxy, I am here in sympathy with its scope and purpose, and I would do all in my power to encourage its members to earn and secure laurels toward the true accomplishment. As I believe I have said before, the educational work done by Catholics up to the present time is deserving of great praise. Wonders have been wrought in the face of difficulties which have been by no means light. That so much has been done as the chief reason why more ought to be attempted. To achieve still greater results what would seem to be needed is precisely what your Association aims to do. Unification, and coordination of educational work, so that a complete and perfect system shall exist, based on the strong and broad foundation of good parochial schools, the superstructure consisting of well graded and highly perfected academies, colleges, seminaries, and undergraduate universities, all culminating in the Institution, the foundation of which Our Holy Father counts as one of the glories of his Pontificate, are, it would seem to me, the things most to be desired at present to enable the Catholic efforts to cope successfully with those being made by secular or sectarian forces. It is only by such co-ordination that the desired elevation in standard can be brought about. The time should be hastened when an academic degree conferred by a Catholic institution in this country shall be equal in all respects to one conferred by any other, and when this equality shall be recognized by all. We live in times when natural values are appreciated first. Catholic education, it is true, offers first, and as most important, supernatural value. This it must and shall always continue to do. But there is no reason why it should not offer at the same time a natural value equal to and surpassing that which non-Catholic education can possibly hope to offer. Let Catholic educators, then, unite their strength, and it will not be long before we shall have a system in this country which will give to our young men results which they can find nowhere else—diplomas and degrees which are equal and superior in value to those obtained in the same grades of other institutions, up to university degrees which no other institution could dream of presenting. My earnest prayer is that God may bless every effort made in this country to further the interests of truly Catholic education.

With sentiments of highest esteem and fraternal charity, I remain, Yours fraternally in Christ, SBAETIAN ABI, of Episcopus, Apostolic Delegate, Baltimore, Md., Easter Sunday, 1901.

My dear Monsignor:—While I will be unable to attend your coming Convention in Chicago, I avail myself of the occasion by renewing the expression of the deep interest I take in these annual reunions of some of the educational guides and the intellectual forces of the country. We can not too much insist on the great advantages to be derived from concerted action on the part of our educational leaders. You gave strength and encouragement to each other, you stimulate honorable emulation and arouse a noble enthusiasm in the cause of education.

By comparing notes and interchange of views you impart valuable information to one another. Above all you unify your system and march with serrated ranks in the great cause of Christian enlightenment.

I hope the coming convention will fully equal the preceding ones by the harmony of your deliberations, and by the traceable within you of the spirit of your sublime vocation.

Faithfully yours in Xt., J. CARD, GIBBONS, Rt. Rev. Monsignor Conaty, D.D., Rector Cath. University.

A declaration of the Catholic position on education in the United States was adopted at the closing session, resolutions comprising the declarations received unanimous assent of the seventy different colleges, practically the entire collegiate system of the Catholic Church in America. The delegates on adjourning were enthusiastic over the results of their labors, feeling confident that the conference had been a marked success.

The declaration adopted was as follows:—First.—That this association of Catholic colleges requires its president, Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, respectfully to call the attention of the Bishops of the United States at their annual meeting to the work of this conference in regard to our collegiate conditions, and especially to the importance of the high school movement.

Second.—That the tendency of educational legislation forces us to warn our Catholic people of the systematic and well defined effort in certain quarters toward absolute state control in education, thereby threatening and crippling all private educational efforts, thus depriving a large class of the citizens of the liberty of maintaining schools in which their religion shall be made an essential element.

Third.—That we remind legislators of the rights of conscience guaranteed to us by our American citizenship, and call their attention to the system of schools which our people have maintained at great expense and sacrifice.

Fourth.—That we protest against

the unfair and unjust discriminations resulting from much of the educational legislation, and we appeal to the fairness and sense of justice of the American people to protect us from such illiberality.

Fifth.—That this conference of Catholic colleges convences as that we are justified in asserting that our college system deserves the generous co-operation of all interested in higher Catholic education, and we pledge ourselves to use every effort to protect and to maintain a high collegiate standard.

Sixth.—That we call upon all Catholics to recognize the imperative need of a more perfect organization of our educational system, we assure them that with a fuller development of the Catholic High School we shall have a complete system, with its leadership in the university, and thus we shall continue to maintain a high collegiate standard.

REVIEWS.

THE GAEL FOR APRIL.

The April issue comes to hand profusely illustrated and freighted from cover to cover with a B. Spillane concludes his appreciative and instructive paper on "Irish Music and Minstrelsy." J. M. Sygne contributes a paper entitled "The Last Fortnight of the Celt," describing the inhabitants of the island of Innishmaan, the most western of the Aran group off the coast of Galway. A "History of the County of Tipperary," by Sarah Blomherusset, with handsome half-tone illustrations shows the new Dillon Bridge, Carrick-on-Suir, Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir, and Carrickbeg, from the Tipperary side of the river. The poetry in this issue includes "Where the Princesses Grow by the Nore," by Mary A. O'Reilly, and "Ballad of Grey Nore," by Rev. James B. Dollard. The Gaelic department contains an eulogy on the late Denis Fleming by "Seandun," with translation in parallel columns. The article contains a reproduction of a photo of Denis Fleming. The Gael is published at 150 Nassau street, New York.

The current weekly serial volume of Cassell's National Library, is "Love's Labor Lost," which Prof. Morley notes in his introductory note to have been written when Shakespeare was about one and thirty. There was in that time a daunt fashion of ingenious speech which had been introduced into England from Italy, whither young gentlemen went to rub off the rust of college manners. Shakespeare happily plays with this fashion.

FEW DIE ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS.

The New York Sun says.—The death of the French actress, Sophie Croizette, on her fifty-fourth birthday, is another instance of a comparatively rare coincidence. Although of course the actual number of persons who die on their birthdays is large, it is with considerable difficulty that a list of even a few such was got together years ago for the now defunct American Notes and Queries. The list published in that paper consisted of only these names:—Shakespeare, born April 23, 1561, died April 23, 1616. Sir Thomas Brown, author of "Religio Medici," born Oct. 19, 1605, died Oct. 19, 1652. Timothy Swan, composer, born July 23, 1758, died July 23, 1842. Maria Taghioni, dancer, born April 23, 1804, died April 23, 1854. John McLean Taylor, a nephew of Zachary Taylor, born Nov. 21, 1828, died Nov. 21, 1875. St. John of God, a famous Portuguese saint, born March 8, 1495, died March 8, 1550. John Sobieski, king of Poland, born June 17, 1629, died June 17, 1696. A great storm marked his entry into the world, as well as his exit. Moses, according to the Psalmist, was born on the seventh day of Adar, and died on the same day, 120 years later, "his age being exactly the same length of time which Noah preached to the ante-diluvians."

Oliver Hazard Perry, the hero of Lake Erie, born August 23, 1785, died August 23, 1819, as his ship was entering the harbor of Port of Spain Trinidad.

To this list Raphael is added usually, because he was born on Good Friday, 1483, and died on Good Friday, 1520; as Good Friday depends on Easter, which is a movable feast, this citation is not accurate, inasmuch as the first date was March 25, and the second April 6th.

To this list of nine persons of all degrees of fame the name of Croizette must now be added.

The Boston Globe adds to the list the name of Patrick Donohoe, born March 17, 1811, died March 17, 1891.

AN ECCENTRIC WOMAN.

"Of course, you quite understand that I shall call upon Mrs. Whiffler for your character," remarked Mrs. Taggerty to the girl she had just engaged. "Certainly, m'm," replied the girl, "although I would rather you didn't, for Mrs. Whiffler is so eccentric that she is not always to be relied upon." "In what way is she eccentric?" "She insists that her husband is quite a model father and husband, and that her children have never caused her a moment's anxiety." "I'm, most much in that." "Then she says that she is perfectly content with one new dress and one new hat each season." "I'm, she is eccentric, then?" "And, finally, she has never attended a bargain sale, and says that the only things sold at them are the women who buy."

"Oh, the woman's mad. I shan't trouble her for your character. You can come in when you like."

How happy, how rich, how honored, how talented, how healthy soever you may be, remember that you must die and abandon all.

True merriment may be distinguished from false by the fact that it bears reflection; we can think of it with pleasure next day and next week.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS WHELAN.

The many friends of Mr. P. Whelan, of No. 61 Anderson street, Montreal, will bear with regret of the sad death of his son, Mr. Thomas Whelan, who passed away at the age of 21 years.

ROBERT McCausland

The death is announced at New York of Mr. Robert McCausland, brother to Mr. Joseph McCausland, painter and stained glass manufacturer, of this city. The late Mr. McCausland spent his boyhood and youth here, but had been living in New York for the past forty years. He leaves one brother and two sisters, surviving; also a nephew, Inspector O'Connor, of the Neglected Children's Department.

BROTHERS DIE AT THE SAME HOUR.

Quebec, April 16.—Rev. J. G. de Blois, parish priest of St. Odilon de Gramme, died the night of the 14th at the Priory of Hampton, where he stayed over for a day to assist in the morning confession. On the same morning, and at about the same hour one of the brothers of the deceased died suddenly at Ste. Marguerite.

M. O'CONNOR, BRIGHAM.

Brigham, Que.—Michael O'Connor is dead from the grippe, aged 80 years. Deceased was born in Ireland and came to Canada 64 years ago.

MR. JOHN FORIN.

Belleville, March 30.—Mr. John Forin died yesterday. He was a contractor and executed many contracts for the Government, including Regiopolis College.

E. K. O'CONNOR.

London, April 3.—The funeral was held this morning of Edith Kathleen O'Connor, to the Roman Catholic cemetery. Many sorrowing friends of the bereaved family were present. Rev. Father McKeon celebrated the funeral mass.

MISS SHANNON, LONDON.

London, April 4th.—The funeral of the late Miss Shannon took place from the residence of her niece, Mrs. Brown 246 Talbot street, on Wednesday morning, to St. Peter's Cathedral. Miss Shannon was a resident of Ingersoll, and highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Mr. James P. Kealey died on Sunday at his home, 203 Bay street, Ottawa, after a lingering illness. He was, only twenty-three years old. He held a responsible position with the Auer Light Company, Bank street. Although so young, he had been to Honolulu and worked for a time in Vancouver. He was a son of the late Patrick Kealey of the waterworks department. He was a nephew of Mr. P. J. Coffey, county registrar.

MONSIGNOR McMAHON DEAD.

Washington, April 15.—Monsignor James McMahon died at the Catholic University to-day. He was 81 years of age. He had been at the university for about eight years, but had no official connection with the institution. He was born in Ireland, but came to this country many years ago, the greater part of his life work having been done in New York and vicinity.

MRS. CAMERON GREENFIELD.

On Monday morning, March 17th, there died at her residence in Greenfield, at the age of 92 years, Anne, relict of the late O. K. J. Cameron. The deceased lady was the last surviving member of an old and highly respected family. Although advanced in years she felt the youthful spirit strong within her, and enjoyed the best of health until a few months ago. Her death came without any previous serious illness. Her death was a most happy and edifying one, fortified as she was by the rites of Holy Church, she gladly yielded up her pure soul to her creator. She was born at St. Andrew's, Ont., in the year 1809. In June, 1871, she, with her late husband, who predeceased her ten years ago, came to Greenfield where she has resided continuously ever since.

NORMAN LONEY.

Cornwall, April 12.—Many friends in Cornwall will warmly sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Loney in the very great loss they have sustained in the death of their eldest son, Norman, a bright and popular young man, whose death occurred on Easter Sunday in Lachine, P. Q., where the family has resided since last year. The remains were brought to Cornwall for interment, and the funeral took place on Tuesday morning at St. Columban's Church, the Requiem Mass being celebrated by the Rev. Vicar-General Corbett, and thence to Flanagan's Point Cemetery. The members of the C.M. B.A. attended in a body.

MRS. ANNE GAVANAGH.

Peterborough, April 16.—The remains of the late Anne Gavanagh, relict of the late John Gavanagh, arrived here from her late home in the ward, Wisconsin, yesterday morning, and were conveyed to the residence of her brother, Mr. T. Gavanagh, 340 St. Peter street. From thence the funeral took place this morning at St. Peter's Cathedral, and after solemn requiem mass had been celebrated, proceeded to the Roman Catholic cemetery.

Two sons, Messrs. Richard and John Phelan, accompanied the remains from Hayward. The late Mrs. Phelan was 74 years of age, and resided in Peterborough, where her memory is cherished by many friends. Mrs. Phelan, of Hayward, is a sister, and Mr. T. Gavanagh, of town, and Messrs. Richard and Thomas, of Douro, are brothers.

MR. JAMES WAY.

We regret to announce the death of a well-known and respected citizen of Toronto in the person of Mr. James

Way, who passed away Tuesday, 10th inst., at his residence, 248 Bathurst street. Deceased, who was about 65 years of age, had been ailing for about three months, and was a native of the Isle of Wight, England. He went to sea at an early age, and followed that life for some years, and eventually settled in Toronto in the fifties, when he engaged in the provision business. He built up a large trade and accumulated a competency. He retired from business in 1883. Deceased was a familiar figure round town and was a devout and faithful member of St. Mary's Church. Deceased was married twice, first to Margaret Donovan in 1855, who died in 1885, and again in 1890 to Mary Murray, who survives him. He leaves five children—Dr. James P., Dr. Harry J., George, and Mrs. Dr. Reynolds, all of Chicago, and Walter at home.

J. I. DUSSEAU.

The Thorold Post of April 12, has the following:—

It was with extreme sadness that the residents of Thorold learned Tuesday morning of the death of Joseph Fano, youngest son of Henry and Mary De Fano. The young man had been ill with lung trouble for the past few months, resulting from a cold contracted the last summer. Since the fore part of December he had been gradually failing, and his friends could not see the end approaching, notwithstanding the almost superhuman efforts expended for his recovery. He was born at Thorold, and has spent his life here, being a faithful adherent of the R. C. Church. He was ever popular with those with whom he came in contact, being of a very lovable disposition. He leaves to mourn his loss a father, mother, five sisters, and two brothers—Mary, Elizabeth, Anne, Louisa, and Albina; also Henry and Signor.

The funeral was held Thursday morning, proceeding from the residence Ormond street, to the R. C. church, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. J. Sullivan. The junior choir, of which deceased had been a faithful member up to the time of his illness, sang the mass, Miss McBride taking the solos in the Kyrie. At the offertory "Jesu salvator mundi" was given, the solos being taken by Miss Mayme McAndrew Joseph Foley rendered "Gloria" very effectively at the close of the mass, after which Rev. G. A. Williams, now of Toronto, spoke in glowing terms of the exemplary life of the deceased. Father Sullivan then sang the "Libera" over the remains, and as the pall-bearers removed the casket the children sang a solo from "Don Lorenzo Toros's oratorio, "The Restoration of Lazarus." The cortege then proceeded to St. Peter's cemetery, where interment took place. The pall-bearers were A. O'Brien, Louis Conion, John McKeegan, John Groulx, Joseph Dolberty and Harry Phillips.

The flowers were profuse and beautiful, resting on the casket and around the remains.

To the mourning family the deepest sympathy of all is extended, in which the Post sincerely joins.

Happiness is never found by those who seek it on the run. Before every decisive resolution the dice of death must be thrown.

There are winds limpid and pure wherein life is like a ray of light playing in a drop of dew.

There is energy of moral suasion in a good man's life, passing the highest efforts of an orator's genius.

One of the hardest weasels to uproot is selfishness. Nothing can do this but "the explosive power of a new faith."

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