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## AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST. Cardinal Gibbons' Tribute to the Priests of the Church,

The following is a report of the ser-mon of Cardinal Gibbons at the cele-bration of Archbishop Elder's golden jubilee :

As Jesus went, they spread their garments in the way, and the whole multitude of His disciples began with joy to praise God with a loud voice for the mighty works which they had seen, saying : Blessed be the King who cometh in the name of the Lord. And some of the Pharisees said to Him: Master, rebuke Thy disciples. And He said to them : I say to you that if they should be silent the stones will cry

Jesus Christ our Saviour was accustomed to flee from honors during His mortal life, embracing the humiliations of the cross. Nevertheless on the occasion referred to in the text, He does not disdain to accept the homages that were bestowed on Him. As He way, and the multitude of His disciples to stop the acclamations. But our Lord gives this answer: Let them alone. "I say to you that if they should be silent the stones will cry out." He wishes them to understand that, in accepting their tributes of praise, he was receiving only what was due to Him as their Lord and King. On this morning a large number of the distinguished

PRELATES OF THE UNITED STATES, the clergy of this diocese and of other multitude of the laity are assembled to congratulate Your Venerable Archbishop on this occasion of the golden jubilee of his priesthood. I am sure that if the decision had

rested with the Archbishop himself, in his well-known humility of heart he would have preferred that the event had been passed over in silence. But in honoring him to day, we are not only gratifying the cherished wishes of our hearts, but we are complying with a sacred and religious duty. And if anyone were to ask me : "Why this ovation?" I would answer in the words of our Lord : "If we were silent the very stones of this cathedral would cry out against us, and rebuke us for our ingratitude."

Three sees were at the same time con-tending for him. San Francisco was expecting him; Cincinnati was plead-ing for him, and Natchez, with out-St. Paul declares that "The priests who have ruled well are worthy of Bishop visited after his conservation was the college in which I was then pursuing my studies. Before impartdouble honor, especially those who have labored in word and doctrine." And the scripture says elsewhere that ing his benediction to us he delivered 'He is worthy of honor whom the King us an earnest address, the substance of hath a mind to honor." Observe how the King of kings has honored His which I remember to this day, after a He represented to the Holy See the lapse of nearly forty years. His thrilllamentable condition of the Natchez apostles, who were the first priests of the New Law. He honors them in the ing words were well calculated to fire our youthful and susceptible hearts with a holy enthusiasm for the sublime aposities, where the honors them in the our youther the sublime with a holy enthusiasm for the sublime with a holy enthusiasm for the sublime vocation to which we aspired. In order fully to realize the difficult-in order fully to realize the diff diocese, which had lost nearly oneship. "I will no longer," He says, " call you servants ; for the servant Rome, however, sent him to Cincinnati, and the loss of Natchez is your gain. in his new See we should take into conknoweth not what his Master doeth ; sideration the extent of the diocese It is not necessary or becoming in but I have called you friends, for all the inconvenience of travel, the this presence to dwell on the apostolic things whatsoever I have heard of My poverty of the missions and the paucity abors of your Archbishop since his Father I have made known to you. of the Catholic population. The dio-cese of Natchez embraced then, as it does now, the entire state of Mississippi abvent to this See, sixteen years ago. He associates them with Himself in Although on his arrival among you he the final judgment of men : "Ye shall found before him a well-equipped dio-cese, thanks to the zeal of his predesit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." And He which is eight-thousand square miles larger in extent than the State of Ohio cessor and his colleagues in the minmakes them His co-heirs in His eternal with its three flourishing Sees. I venture to say that when the Bishop istry, nevertheless on comparing the kingdom. "I go," He says, "to pre-pare a place for you, that where I am Catholic Directory of 1880 with that of 1896, we are surprised to find the number of churches, schools, hospitals and asylums that have been added to took possession of his diocese there were ve also may be. very few miles of railroad in the whole PREROGATIVES OF THE PRIEST. State. He had to travel, in visiting his Christ confers on His priests two prethe list during his administration. scattered flock, by boat, or to journey rogatives which transcend any earthly power. The priest is the ambassador of Christ. "For Christ," says the apostles, "we are ambassadors, God as it were exhorting you by us." If it is For this success the Archbishop, under God, is indebted to your zealous through the interior of the State by public or private conveyances, or on co operation. When the people, the foot. THE PHYSICAL LABORS OF A BISHOP clergy and the Bishop are united, they form a triple chord that cannot be a great privilege for any citizen of the United States to represent his country are much alleviated when his relations broken. You have always rallied are almost exclusively with a Catholic around your Archbishop; you have population which knows and appreci-ates his sacred character. But his in one of the courts of Europe, how taken an active a loval, personal, vital much greater is the prerogative of interest in every measure he inaugur representing the court of heaven be- trials are aggravated when he is daily ated in the cause of religion and hu brought face to face before a people " Ve fore the nations of the world. manity ; and this is the secret of your shall be witnesses unto Me in Judea who, without any fault of theirs, have spiritual progress. and Samaria, and unto the uttermost bounds of the earth." It is written of our Lord that He bounds of the earth." What an honor to be the herald of his genial manners and Christian God's laws among the nations of the charity, soon dispelled those prejudices, went about doing good. He multiplied loaves in the desert. He gave sight to the blind, and hearing to the deaf. He as the mist is dispelled by the sun. He earth ! "How beautiful on the mouncleansed the leper and raised the dead to life. Your Archbishop lays no claim was warmly received by Protestant tains are the feet of him that bringeth and Catholic alike. The faithful wel-comed him as a father ; and those not glad tidings, and preacheth peace, to such miracles as these. But is it not a miracle of grace that for fifty years he has led a life without reproach and that showeth forth good and preacheth of the household of the faith received Thy salvation, and saith to Sion : him as a man of God. They all felt God shall reign." How cherished that in entertaining him they were made all the happier and richer by has preserved his priesthood without stain? He has not multiplied loaves favor to be the bearer of the olive branch of peace to a world deluged by sin, and to proclaim that gospel which their hospitality. They felt that he like our Saviour, but has he not multi-had left a blessing on their homes and plied institutions where the young and gives glory to God and peace to man, which converts the sinner, consoles the firesides, as our Saviour by His presthe old have been abundantly fed? He has not healed the sick, but has he ence had blessed the house of Zacchæus, afflicted and holds out to all the blessed not founded hospitals where every and Elias had blessed the house of the promises of eternal life ! phase and variety of human suffering widow of Sarephta. His clergy regarded him more as an "No act that man can perform," His clergy regarded him more as an older brother than their ecclesiastical He has not raised the dead, but how says St. Thomas, "is greater than the consecration of the body of Christ." many who had lain buried in the grave superior. He was always ready to And even Carlyle declares that no share their sacrifices. Many of us may remember how some function in life is so sublime as that of of sin has he not raised tothe life of a priest. He says: "Though you are the meanest in God's hierarchy, is of the southern States were periodically grace? Oh ! my brethern, never do we prove ourselves more worthy to be it not honor enough to spend, and to be spent, for His sake?" visited, in former years, with the scourge of yellow fever. That state of called the ambassadors of Christ than be spent, for His sake?" The priest whom we honor to day "has spent and been spent" for the welfare of his fellow beings. For fifty years he has preached the gospel, and be spent, for His sake?" scourge of yellow lever. Int state of things has happily passed away, that state of went we bring sunlight into nomes that were dark and dreary before. went we prove ourselves to be the genuine sons of God more efficiently, years he has preached the gospel, and be spent, for His sake?" scourge of yellow lever. 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lay garlands at his feet, as a tribute of | They left Baltimore unheralded by the their admiration and filial affection. THE ELDER FAMILY

is an old and honored name in Mary-land. They came from Lancashire, England, to Maryland with the early followers of Lord Baltimore. The but on deeds of mercy. not bent, like them, on deeds of blood, but on deeds of mercy. They had no Tennyson to sound their praises; they sought no human applause. Their only ambition was — and, oh ! how lofty is that ambition — that their good immediate ancestors of the Archbishop settled in western Maryland, abcut the year 1730, and if the tradition is cor-rect the first Mass that was ever celebrated in Frederick county was said in the home of William Elder, the greatdeeds might be recorded in the Book of Life, and that they might be seen by grandfather of the Archbishop. I had the privilege of meeting the Arch-

bishop's father when he was approaching the patriarchal age of ninety years. He served in the war of 1812, and the sword which he wore is preserved as an heirloom in the family. If any man in the United States has the right to claim the privileges of an were bestowed on Him. As the Amore Elder. His title is secured by the sonal and civil virtues. When Paul sonal and civil virtues. When Paul praise Him with a loud voice for the mighty works they had seen Him perform, and they exclaim: "Blessed officer said to him apologetically. "I perform, and they exclaim : Blesser is the King who cometh in the name of the Lord." The Pharisees, who were always envious of our Saviour's glory, asked him to rebuke His disciples, and Differentiation of the appropriate of the second second second in the complete of the second se Like St. Chrysostom, St. Augustine and many other Christian prelates, Archbishop Elder is under God indebted for his apostolic spirit to the piety and edifying life of his saintly mother. Father David, afterwards Bishop of Bardstown, was her spiritual director. After he moved to Kentucky he continued to correspond with her, and the letters that passed between them reveal an elevation of Christian sentiment which makes them worthy of being compared with the letters of St. Francis

de Sales to St. Jane de Chantal.

## WILLIAM HENRY ELDER

was only eleven years old when he entered Mount St. Mary's College, Em-mittsburg, which has been justly styled the fruitful nursery of Bishops. He there pursued his classical course, and afterwards studied philosophy and theology in the same institution. After receiving deaconship, he proceeded to the famous College of the Propaganda in Rome, where he completed his divinity course, and was ordained priest in 1846. Returning to his native State, he became professor of theology in his alma mater at Emmittsburg, and continued to fill that chair till he was con-secrated Bishop of Natchez, in 1857, by Archbishop Kenrick of Baltimore. One of the first institutions that the

press. They did not sound the trum-pet before them. They rushed like filed befor

INTO THE JAWS OF DEATH,

Him who said : "I was sick, and you visited Me." Of these eight Sisters, six died during the following summer that the people here should be thankful for the advantages they possess. Train New Orleans and Vicksburg, victims to the yellow fever. Like a true soldier of the cross, the Bishop hastened to Vicksburg, where velling over the vast plain was now done by railway to Edmonton, but they r raged with the greatest vio-He was incessantly occupied plain still to be traversed by the misthe fever raged with the greatest vio-

formally announced to the community, missionary took tools-an axe, saw, etc.,

powers were not impaired by the ordeal such animals as they can secure, and through which he had passed. During often go for days without food; and it convert those Catholics, but so far he that retreat I received a letter from the lamented Bishop Giln our, informing nothing by fishing or hunting, and then they starve to death. The mis-

Cincinnati had unanimously recom- sionaries live as the Indians do: their

mended Bishop Elder as their first food is almost exclusively fish. When choice for co-adjutor to the Archbishop the Indians have more dried venison To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD : choice for the distribution of the grant of the mission of the grant of the grant of the mission of the grant of the gr year, and that is all he can get. Bread is not known. The flour is too scarce and precious to be made into ing for him, and Natenez, with out stretched arms, was striving to retain cakes on some rare occasions. There vest. This great desire of i total are no villages, as the earth produces to know more about the Church seems nothing the indians have to roam the to be as common in Canada as it is on nothing the indians for their sustenance the other side of the line; for I have bread, so they make very thin pan cakes on some rare occasions. There vest. This great desire of Protestants forest and plains for their sustenance to be as common in canada as it is on forest and plains for their sustenance the other side of the line; for I have and keep as far from each other as possible. In summer they come to the Hudson Bay Co.'s Posts with their furs, controversial lectures were well atfourth of its clergy by yellow fever, and which was still staggering under the heavy loss, and he asked permis-sion to remain in his afflicted See. New Section 2010 and the intervals and the read such "stuff," as they call it. But there was a time when their fresh at once, get his dog sled and frequently. The time will no doubt snow-shoes, travel perhaps four or come-let us pray it may not be far off five days and nights. In camping —when the Canadian Catholics will a hole is cleared in the snow, some have such missions to spread the light spruce branches are spread on the among our friends and neighbors ground, a fire is made and supper of fish or dried beef is prepared; then, are received from so-called ex-priests with the vault of heaven for a roof, he and ex-nuns, who for their own selfish goes to bed. The cold is so intense end, on the platform, in the pulpit, that when holding the palms of the and in the press, do all in their power hands to the fire, the frost gathers of the and in the press, do an in the power the backs of them; when he turns his back to the fire he has to protect his face from the frost. The degree of sentation. I am well aware that many cold may not be lower than it is here, of us have a delicacy in introducing but it continues much longer ; a man religious subjects in conversation with may not mind one or two days of in- our Protestant friends, and many of tense cold, but when that is kept up us are not possessed of the ability to for weeks it is almost impossible to en do so. To the former I would say that although there are times when such dure it. Before the missionaries went there subjects are out of place, yet there are the Indians were all pagans-or rather, occasions when they can be brought not Christians, for they all believed in out without infringing on the rules of a Supreme Being and the immortality good fellowship or neighborly courtesy. of the soul, but they were in a low, de- In fact many Protestants are only too graded state, being like beasts, with anxious to learn the truth, and a little no idea of morality. The women were knowledge of human nature will point reated worse than animals. Some out to us the most favorable time and times the husband would cut off his place. To those who have not the

has offered up with a clean heart the Immaculate Lamb upon the altar. And now Bishops and priests come to place with loving hands a wreath on his brow; and the faithful delight to lay garlands at his feet, as a tribute of the creative power of God, than when we cause the flowers of joy and con-solation to bloom in hearts that were barren and desolate before. Your Archbishop has fulfilled in his life the definition of religion given by the apostle: "Religion pure and under filed before God and the Father is this: to visit the widow and the orphan in their tribulations, and to keep oneself unspotted from this world." INDIAN MISSIONS IN THE FAR NORTH.

NORTH.sermon preached in St. Mary's church. Win<br/>Dipeg, Manitoba, by Richt Rev. Bishop<br/>Grouard. O. M. L. of Athabasca, Macken<br/>zie, on Sunday, ifth Sept., 1883—from notes<br/>taken at the time by Mr. A. McGillis. The<br/>subject was the Indian Missions in the far<br/>North.and trained them up, fed, clothed and<br/>educated them.<br/>The apostolic spirit is not dead yet—<br/>it is as zealous as ever. All the Indians<br/>can now read and write their own<br/>language. The missionaries have a<br/>printing press and he (the Bishop)<br/>misself set the type whenever he<br/>could. They print and bind the<br/>books for the Indians, and in<br/>this way the gospel is disseminated,<br/>and the Indians are well grounded<br/>in the faith. As bread is unknown,<br/>the word cannot be translated into theiralas ! how many Catholics neither<br/>subscribe for a Catholic paper nor<br/>supply themselves with good Catholic<br/>neading ! As one who has had con-<br/>siderable experience among our peo-<br/>ple, I express the opinion that scarcely<br/>one-fifth of them subscribe for a<br/>Catholic paper. In this respect I am<br/>not hazarding merely an opinion,<br/>but am giving the result of many<br/>years experience. The only explana-<br/>tion of this deplorable state of affairs<br/>is the indifference of so many Catholics<br/>to the beneficial influence of good the fever raged with the greatest vio-lence. He was incessantly occupied in administering the sacraments and dying, till he himself was stricken down by the fever, and for some days hung between life and death. During his illness, while I was at-tending the annual retreat with the Baltimore clergy, I received a message informing me of the death of Bisho Elder. That night his demise was formally announced to the community. the word cannot be translated into their Ig me of the death of Bishop different dialects, and each dialect had That night his demise was to be learned by the missionary. The missionary took tools—an axe, saw, etc., yers were offered for him, and went into the forest, felled the trees, to morning I said Mass for his squared the timber and sawed the boards—all with his own hands—and the morning, I remarked to a built his own house and church, and if hat had called on me : "This he did not have a comfortable house he hat had called on me : "This he did not have a comfortable house he hat had church. Bishop Elder." would have to blame only himself, who formally announced to the community, insistently took tools the trees, a white saw sawed the use and make and prayers were offered for him, and went into the forest, felled the trees, with to cover the buildings and make the next morning I said Mass for his squared the timber and sawed the floors, partitions and windows. Althe next morning I said Mass for his soul in the presence of the clergy. During the morning, I remarked to a friend that had called on me : "This is sad news about Bishop Elder." "Yes, indeed," he replied, "the morning papers state that he is critic-ally ill." "Critically ill?" I repeated, "thank God for that." I twasthe first time in my life that I thanked the Lord for the alarming illness of a friend. Because while there was life there was hope. The next year the Bishop preached our retreat, and gave us ample evi-dence that his mental and physical powers were not impaired by the ordeal throuch which he had nassed. During the an imals as they can secure, and through they can secure, and such animals as they can secure, and through they can secure, and through they can be dard assed. During the winter is conserved to the congregation to the congregation to help the winter is call down every summer the frost cuts down every such animals as they can secure, and the animals as they can secure, and the animals as they can secure, and the arming interse of the replaced. The next year the Bishop preached tour retreat, and gave us ample evi-dence that his mental and physical powers were not impaired by the ordeal throuch which he had nassed. During the anot be adverted to the congregation to the congregation to help the the frost cuts down every such and and the take, but as the Indians are all throuch which he had nassed. During the middle of summer the frost cuts down every such an anglican mission any at Great the any such as the pad nassed. During the middle of such animals as they can secure, and the any such as the Indians are all throuch which he had nassed. During the middle of such animals as they can secure, and the any such as the formans and the takes and more objection-able literature that will make an im-

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to the beneficial influence of good elsewhere other and more objection able literature that will make an impression upon their tender young minds that in after life may be pro-

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ductive of the most pernicious effects. The young man of sporting pro-clivities, who is not overstocked with either piety or common sense will say : "Too much religion ;" or, "We might as well have a prayer book," says the clever (?) young woman, who turns up her nose at the odd, old fashioned ways of her good father and mother, just as if a prayer book was something to be despised. "I can't get the children to read it says the hard working mother, who slaved herself in times gone by, in order that her chil-dren might have something to begin life and not be like herself in her young days—"poor things"—but who, in her anxiety to save money, failed to invest in some good reading. They have everything else, but as far as Catholic books and papers were concerned, oh, no! they 'couldn't afford" them, and now their habits are formed. their tastes are fixed, and they will not

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wife's nose, or otherwise maltreat her conversational ability, a great field is in a fit of anger, and he would cast her open by the distribution of the cheap away when he got tired of her, and get Catholic literature published by the another. But-thanks to the civilizing Catholic Truth Societies. In this respect influence of the gospel - all that is I desire to supplement some correspondchanged now: the women are treated with proper consideration, they try to columns over the signature of "Polly-

live peaceably together, and the In-dian no longer casts away his wife. He had known of a few instances of can- ing little pamphlets, whose cheapness nibalism - parents eating their dead ought to make them more commonly babies to prevent starvation-but it is used. Of their contents, the term 'multum in parvo" may be aptly now almost unheard of. Since he had been made a Bishop used in describing them, this in itself

two years ago, he had been devising being greatly in their favor, for while means to facilitate the conveyance of many might hesitate to "tackle" more supplies to the missions in his remote ponderous volumes, they will not hesi-diocese by placing small steamers on tate to read these useful and instruct-

the large lakes and rivers. The Mac- ive tracts. As to the price, some are kenzie was navigable for fourteen sold at \$1 a hundred, more at \$1.50, hundred miles. Thus food and medi-cine could be brought to the mission-are of the kind intended for distribu-

aries, who, when health failed, had no doctor and could not get proper treat-gether in cloth and sold at very low

young minds longed for some mental food. That was the time to make an impression upon them that would be both wholesome and permanent. And And so the healthy relaxation that their anxious but misguided parents failed to provide for them under their own roof, caused them to seek elsewhere other recreations that are anything but conducive to good Christian lives. Many may think that my estimate as to the percentage of Catholic families subscribing for Catholic papers too low, but there are very few parishes who come up to that figure, many have only one in ten, and some even less, This is a most lamentable state of affairs, and much regretted by our beloved bishops and clergy, who do all they can to promote the circulation of Catholic papers, and to tell their peoto be ple of the great benefit that is derived from their perusal. L. K.

> The Precious Blood. Catholic Columbian.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Lord-the blood that was taken from a virgin, united to the Second Person of the Trinity, and shed on Calvary for the salvation

of mankind. The Blood of Christ is a fountain of ife. It is the wine that makes vir gins. It washes away the sins of the world.

Very appropriate for spiritual reading this month is Father Faber's book called "The Precious Blood." It is a prosepoem. It is devotional, awe-inspiring, sound, uplifting, and nourishing. It is full of beautiful thoughts expressed in lovely language.

Blessed are those who die for God, And earn the Martyr's crown of light; Yet he who lives for God may be A greater Conquerer in His sight.

-A. Proctor. -A. Procetor. If you wish to honor the Heart of Jesus, make it the depository of what you do and suffer, offering to it all your actions, that it may dispose of them according to its good pleasure.-B. Margaret Mary.

A necessity of my reason constrains me to be-lieve the existence of God, because I can in no other way account for my own existence. I am either uncaused, or self-caused, or caused by a cause !-- Cardinal Manning.