

"A BURNING FIRE."

ST. MALACHI'S PROPHECIES.

He Foretold Plus IX. and Leo XIII. Whom Does He Mean by the Ignis Ardens?

The prophecies of Malachi, foretelling or designating in short epigrammatic form the various Pontiffs that have filled the chair of Peter from his time down to the present, and will do so to the end of the world, deserve more than a passing thought or consideration. St. Malachi was born in Armagh in the year 1094, and studied in France, where he became acquainted with St. Bernard, who calls him an "Angel and a Prophet." In 1139 he went to Rome. He died Nov. 2, 1149, at the age of 54.

It is curious to note how true these prophecies have turned out. Here are a few of them:

- 1775, Pius VI.—Peregrinus Apostolicus, the Apostolic traveller.
- 1800, Pius VII.—Aquila Rapax, a rapacious eagle.
- 1823, Leo XII.—Canis et coluber, the dog and the serpent.
- 1829, Pius VIII.—Vir religiosus, a religious man.
- 1831, Gregory XVI.—De balneis Etruriae, from the baths of Etruria.
- 1846, Pius IX.—Cruz de cruce, cross upon cross.
- 1878, Leo XIII.—Lumen de coelo, light from heaven.
- Ignis ardens, a burning fire.
- Religio depopulata, religion at a low ebb.
- Fides intrepido, intrepid faith.
- Pastor angelicus, the angelic shepherd.
- Pastor et nauta, shepherd and sailor.
- Flos forum, the flower of flowers.
- De medietate lunae, from the eclipse of the moon.
- De labore solis, from the eclipse of the sun.
- Gloria olivae, the glory of the olive.
- Petrus Romanus, Peter the Roman.

To comment on these within our own recollection, who fails to perceive the sufferings and the life of martyrdom conveyed in the words cruz de cruce and verified in the letter by the venerable Pontiff, Pius IX? Lumen de coelo, predicted of Leo XIII., seemed at first to puzzle the minds of many and to cast doubts on the prophecies of St. Malachi, when lo! on inspection of the coat of arms of Cardinal Pecci, there appeared a comet, whole and entire, which, apart from all metaphorical interpretation, brought out the literal significance of light from heaven.

The next Pope is styled "Ignis ardens," a burning fire. Some say that these words clearly foreshadow the elevation of a Dominican to the Holy See, for the Dominican Order has for its pictorial representation a dog with a burning firebrand in its mouth; and, by the way, Cardinal Zigliara is a Dominican. Others have found some connection between these words and certain signs on the coat of arms of Cardinal Gibbons; while others again, since the arrival of Archbishop Satoli in America, do not hesitate to affirm that the lightning flash of his eye, the keen perception of his intellect, the uncommon despatch of his official duties, typify him as the bearer of the motto, "Ignis ardens."

According to St. Malachi there are to be two anti-Popes out of the ten that are to succeed Leo XIII. The second anti-Pope is supposed to be represented by De medietate lunae, or the eclipse of the moon, which is overclouded by the greater eclipse of the sun, after which comes peace, typified by the olive, and then Peter the Roman, or Peter the Second, the last in the line of Popes, begun by St. Peter, or Peter the First; then the end of the world. It is a strange coincidence that the first sovereign of Rome was Romulus and the last bore the same name. Peter was the name of the first Pope of Rome, and Peter is to be the name of the last.

Pastor angelicus, the fourth after the present incumbent of the Papal throne, is born, in fact was born in the 70's, is to be from Dalmatia, a Franciscan friar, who will go about the streets of Rome preaching bare-footed. This will go to show that the reign of the intervening Pontiffs will be short. Seven Popes reigned during the century 1775 to 1878, among them two with remarkably long terms of administration. Ten are left to carry the Papacy down to 2000 A. D., the end of the world.

Arguing from the past, there is no dis-



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crepancy about this assertion. The world had been in existence 2000 years when it was destroyed by the deluge. Two thousand more years and the same world sees a total revolution of by-gone times by the birth of the Saviour. And why should 2,000 more years, or the year 2,000 A. D., not witness another change?—N. Y. Sun.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

The pilgrimage of Jerusalem in connection with the Eucharistic Congress, will start from Marseilles on April 12.

The next Congress will have more Catholic members in both houses than has yet been known in American history.

Rev. P. A. Maloy, one of the oldest priests in the diocese of Buffalo, died January 23rd at the Sisters' Retreat in that city.

A Church for the Italians of Pittsburg was dedicated recently. Father Molinari is pastor. The sermon by Bishop Phelan was very encouraging.

The next German Catholic Congress will be held at Wurtzburg, a city in which three Irish apostles of the faith underwent martyrdom.

A life size statue of Father Mathew, the apostle of temperance, was unveiled in Dublin on Thursday. A monster parade was one of the features of the day.

The Catholic Lord Mayor of London attends High Mass at St. Mary's, Moorfields, London, in semi-state. This church used to be Cardinal Wiseman's cathedral.

Mr. George Parsons Lathrop is engaged on a work, the title of which is to be "Annals of the Visitation Order in the United States." It will be published during the present year.

The native Christians of Suen si, in Central China, have sent the Holy Father as their jubilee gifts some splendid embroideries and porcelain vases, and five living golden pheasants, beautiful birds.

On August 19th of this year Cardinal Gibbons will celebrate his silver episcopal jubilee. His Eminence was consecrated in the Baltimore Cathedral, August 16, 1868, together with Rt. Rev. Dr. Becker, Bishop of Savannah, Ga., by the late Archbishop Spaulding.

On May 24, of this year, Bishop McCloskey, of Louisville, Ky., will have been twenty-five years a bishop. He was consecrated in May 1868 in the American college, Rome, by Cardinal Russah, Archbishop of Vienna.

The unusual incident of a Catholic prelate being granted the courtesies of a state institution to deliver a public address, as was Bishop Watterson of Columbus, O., at the Ohio State University last Sunday, has been widely commented on in educational circles, and the favor with which it is viewed is a healthy sign of the times.

It is not generally known, but it is the fact, that several Indian students are preparing for the priesthood in some of our western theological seminaries. There are already a small number of Indian Benedictine nuns in the far West, and there is a prospect that their number will soon be increased. There is also an Indian Catholic priest who is laboring among the Indians of Western Canada.

The mosaics and documents to be sent to the World's Fair from the Vatican are regarded as so precious that two of

the cruiser Newark's crew will guard them day and night during the voyage to New York.

The Sultan has sent an autograph letter to the Pope on the occasion of his Episcopal Jubilee. The arrival of envoys bearing similar letters to the Pope from the King of Saxony and the Prince Regent of Bavaria is daily expected.

At Grand Fort Philippe, between Gravelines and Dunkirk, the hospital was laicised some time ago, and the Sisters of Good Help were replaced by paid nurses. On the outbreak of cholera in the place the nuns were invited to return and promptly accepted the invitation.

The death is announced at Troyes of a member of the Society of Jesus—Father Jung, a brave Alsatian. In 1879 this priest was curate at Reichsoffen and bore himself like a hero. Here as everywhere on the terrible field—everywhere that there was a wounded man to be consoled or a dying man to be grieved. He accompanied a French regiment of infantry into action.

The Catholic denomination in Vermont has 56 priests, 45 churches with resident priest, and 26 without, 12 chapel, 19 stations, 14 theological students, 7 academies, 19 parochial schools, 4,278 children attending schools, 15 convents, 2 hospitals, 118 orphans, from 35,000 to 36,000 French members, and from 13,000 to 14,000 Irish members. The Catholic families are estimated at about 6,400 French and 4,000 Irish.

This is the Holy Father's jubilee month, and he will have few spare movements during it, so numerous will the callers be at the Vatican. To wear a mitre fifty years is an honor that comes to few ecclesiastics, but we have an older prelate, as far as years in the purple, than Leo XIII. here in the person of the venerable Archbishop Kenrick of St. Louis, who is now awaiting the coadjutor that the Holy See has determined to give him. Archbishop Kenrick celebrated in 1891 the jubilee which the Pope will observe on the 19th of this month.

A New Branch of the C.M.B.A.

Branch 191 of the C. M. B. A. Grand Council of Canada was organized last week at Hochelaga, by G. E. H. Howison, organizer and assistant secretary of that council. Amongst those present were District Deputies A. H. Spedding, C. Dandelin, Dr. G. T. Moreau and James Coleman. The following is the list of the officers for the ensuing year:—Spiritual adviser, Rev. Brissette, P.P.; chancellor pro tem, John J. Noonan; president, P. C. Shannon; 1st vice-president, Dr. J. P. Morin; 2nd vice-president, Narcisse Racine; recording secretary, A. A. Daigle, N.P.; assistant recording secretary, Edmond Berube; financial secretary, Arthur Demers; treasurer, Thos. McGovern; marshal, George Rollin; guard, Theo. Deslauriers; trustees, for one year, F. Whittaker and P. Filion; for two years, Dr. G. E. Baril, D. J. Gannon and Moise Brunelle. This branch will meet every second and fourth Thursday of each month in the Brothers' school, Dezery street.

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE SOCIETY. The election of officers in St. Bridget's section of St. Jean Baptiste Society resulted as follows:—T. Charpentier, president; Joseph Courtois, first vice-president; B. Dufresne, second vice-president; M. Martineau, secretary, and J. Therrien, treasurer.

LEO'S JUBILEE.

ST. PETER'S WAS CROWDED.

ROME, February 19.—At daybreak the pealing of church bells announced the celebration of the Pope's episcopal jubilee. By 4 o'clock thousands of pilgrims, tourists and citizens crowded before the doors of St. Peter's. At 5 o'clock two battalions of infantry, in full uniform, were drawn up before the cathedral, so as to be ready to help the 200 or more gendarmes in preserving order. The crowd swelled steadily, but remained quiet despite the tremendous pressure caused by some 5,000 ticket holders in their hopeless struggle to get near the doors. At 8 o'clock the cathedral doors were opened and the foremost of the crowd swept in. Within half an hour the great building was packed to the steps. Thirty thousand pilgrims and 25,000 or 30,000 Catholics from this city gained admission. No fewer than 40,000 persons, many of them ticket holders, were turned away by the military who cleared the spaces around the building so as to prevent disorder when the services started.

The Pope entered the cathedral at 9.45 o'clock, pale but smiling, and apparently in somewhat better health than usual. The cathedral rang with tumultuous cheering as the Pope was borne toward the altar. His Holiness officiated at the special jubilee Mass, intoning the opening words of the Te Deum, and giving his blessing in a clear penetrating voice. The Masses lasted until 10.45, but apparently did not fatigue His Holiness. He remained in the cathedral forty-five minutes after the celebration and then proceeded to his apartments. The crowd dispersed slowly. At noon most of them had gone, and a quarter of an hour later the military withdrew. This afternoon the Irish pilgrims attended service in the church of St. Sylvester, and were blessed by Cardinal Logue. The English pilgrims at St. George's received the blessing from Cardinal Vaughan. The weather has been magnificent here all day. This evening St. Peter's and all the other churches, all the convents and hundreds of private houses are illuminated. The streets are thronged and the square in front of St. Peter's almost impassable. Without exception, however, the people have been perfectly orderly. Not an arrest has been reported. King Humbert and Queen Margaret took their usual drive through the city to-day and everywhere were saluted respectfully.

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