

people when they want to pray, to sacrifice, or to implore the mercy of heaven.

The Hebrew priests could marry only certain women, and from the company of these they were bound to refrain for some time previous to their entering the sanctuary.

The Egyptian priests were restricted to one wife. They were forbid to contract a second marriage: while among the Greeks the Hierophants was obliged to observe the most rigid chastity. In Ethiopia, as in Egypt, the sacerdotal order lived apart from the people, and led a life of celibacy. Virgil, who only expressed in beautiful verse what every Roman thought, assigns a distinguished place to the priests who lived chastely on earth: and Camilla, he styles for her virginity, the glory of Italy, *O decus Italia, Virgo!* The vestals were held in high honour at Rome, as were the chaste priestesses of Ceres at Athens, where they lived at the public expense and were the favorites of the people. Indeed, the most savage as well as the most civilized, the Jewish, as well as the Gentile nations, honored virginity and purity of life. They deemed their altars profaned, their sacrifices valueless, their Gods dishonored, when any but a pure and virgin priesthood ministered in the temple.

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BUFFALO, October 24, 1847.

On Tuesday evening we had quite a novel spectacle, in the reception of the Catholic Bishop of the new Diocese of Buffalo. The different Catholic Congregations of this city thought they would have a little rejoicing over the occasion. The day was peculiarly dark, gloomy and rainy. Nothing daunted, however, the Irish and German Catholics, who compose the great majority of that faith in this city, turned out in great numbers. About 9 o'clock the cars arrived, and four carriages, (one of them a splendid carriage drawn by four elegant white horses from the livery establishment of the Messrs. Stevenson of this city,) were in readiness to receive them. The new Bishop, Rt. Rev. John Timon, who was accompanied by Bishop McCloskey of Albany, Bishop Walsh of Halifax, and Bishop Hughes of your city, also, by Rev. Mr. O'Rielly of Rochester, Rev. Mr. Brady of this city, Rev. Mr. Mullin of Lockport, and other clergymen, met them here, numbering in all some four teen or fifteen. As they approached the corner of Main and Exchange streets in the carriage, the members of the different congregations, each decorated with a white badge, lighted a flambeau which he held in his hand, flinging upon the clouds hanging low over the city a food of dazzling light. Thus lighted, and escorted by a band of music, under the direction of Messrs. C. Cee, Vaughan, and Walsh, the procession moved up Main street about a mile from Exchange street to the Church of St. Louis, where a tremendous throng had assembled to receive the new Bishop. Beside the large number of boys around the altar in surplices, some hundred little girls, each dressed in white with flowers wreathed around their brows and in their hair, and each carrying a wax candle in her hand, surrounded the sanctuary. There were not less than four thousand people present at the Church. It was after 10 o'clock before the procession reached the Church. After prayers Bishop Timon came forward and addressed the audience in a very forcible and eloquent speech, thanking them for their reception, pledging his whole heart to his new field of labour, and soliciting the prayers of the Church that he, a poor miserable worm of the earth, might be made fit for his high vocation. The vast concourse then adjourned, at about 11 o'clock.

The four Bishops now present in this city, are all very distinguished men; two of them are natives of Ireland; two of them sons of natives of Ireland. Bishop Timon, the first Bishop of Buffalo, is a native of Pennsylvania, of Irish parents celebrated as a very devoted man to the interests of his Church, and Father Superior of one of the Religious Orders in this country. He is an older man than Bishop Hughes, and slenderer in make. His face bespeaks a heart of benevolence and a mind of energy and deep thought. Bishop McCloskey, the first Bishop of the Diocese of Albany, is quite a young-looking man. He is a man of great eloquence. His voice is as soft and musical as an angel's, and when he speaks you cannot but love his discourse, no matter what he says. He is a native of

Brooklyn, N.Y. Bishop Walsh is recently from Ireland, and this is his first visit to the United States. He is, I understand, quite an able and eloquent man. His voice is rich and deep in tone and volume. He is a native of Waterford. Bishop Hughes I need not describe to you, as his name is not unknown in your city. He is a native of the County Tyrone.

To-day (Sunday) the new Bishop was installed. The Church of St. Louis, one of the largest in the United States, was crowded to suffocation. Though it has rained hard all day, most of the distinguished citizens of Buffalo were out to witness the ceremony and hear the sermon. The former I need not describe to you, as I have recently given you a sketch of similar proceedings in Albany. The display was more imposing and grand to-day as there were four instead of two Bishops present. The sermon was preached by Bishop Hughes. I intended to have given you a condensed report of it, as I did of that which he delivered at Albany, but when I got to the Church it was so crowded that I could not get any place to take notes, without making too much disturbance. There could not have been less than four or five thousand persons in the seats, aisles and gallery, on the stairs and in the vestibule of the large Church. I have heard several Protestants make remarks upon the Sermon while at a dinner, and all speak in terms of admiration of its power and eloquence.

So a new See is added to the Catholic Church. The State of New York is now divided into three Dioceses. It is a curious fact that the baptismal name of the three Bishops is the same, and that is the only one they use in their signature—John Hughes, John McCloskey, and John Timon. The Bishops from other Dioceses return home to-morrow.

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LONDON.

CATHOLIC FUNERALS IN KENTISH TOWN AND LONDON.—The two last numbers of the *Tablet* afford us some interesting particulars of Catholic processions which have lately taken place in Somers town and Virginia Street District, and which reflect high honor upon the zeal and spirit prevalent in those important missions. It will perhaps be also acceptable to the readers of the *TABLET* to learn that Kentish Town has had its religious *pronunciamentos*, which have been a subject of singular consolation to all true Catholics, and have greatly edified the Protestant population. I allude to two Catholic funerals which took place some time ago. The first was that of a man killed on the Birmingham railroad. He was a Catholic, and the Company with a spirit of liberality highly creditable to