



ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH.

The Corner-stone laid by Archbishop Fabre on Sunday.

REV. FATHER McCALLEN'S ELOQUENT DISCOURSE.

Some Sound Advice to Catholics.

A gathering numbering probably six thousand, assembled Sunday afternoon in splendid weather to witness His Grace Archbishop Fabre lay the corner-stone of St. Anthony's church on St. Antoine street.

Everything being in readiness His Grace proceeded to lay the corner stone, which he did with a silver trowel presented to him by the architect of the building.

The reverend father chose for his text: "The house which I desire to build is great; for our God is great above all gods."

MAY I PLEASE YOUR GRACE, VERY REV. AND REV. FATHERS, BELOVED BROTHERS.—If these were the words and sentiments of King Solomon when he laid the corner-stone of the Temple of Jerusalem, what should be your thoughts and feelings as you meet here today to lay the corner-stone of this new Catholic Church?

It is this daily Sacrifice and this Eucharistic presence which give to the humblest Catholic Church a solemn grandeur which the richest palaces of men do not possess.

Take away from our churches this sacramental presence and you rob them at once of the greatest treasure which they possess: you remove the mighty magnet which attracts us to the worship of our God.

This, then, is the first thought I propose for your consideration on this most solemn and happy occasion. A house is to be built, not for man, but for God.

And now, in conclusion, I have only to wish God's blessing upon you and the noble and glorious work which you inaugurate here today. I have tried to impress you with the greatness of the work which you have undertaken, and with the necessity of carrying it on

precincts. Let me simply mention them; for to speak of them as I would wish to do, would require as many distinct discourses. Under the roof which will rest upon these walls will be daily offered the Sacrifice of our altars, once offered on the Cross for the expiation of our sins and the meriting of grace for our souls, but by our Lord's command to be renewed unto all time, so that the application of those merits may be made to individual souls throughout the ages to come.

Before the Tabernacle which will contain our Lord really and truly present under the humble veil of the Sacrament, will kneel not only in the great congregation of the faithful but at any hour of the day, to pour forth your soul in prayer; to seek light, strength, comfort, peace, joy, in those close communications between the soul of the believer and the God who, in His own blessed word, would have us accept the ineffable mystery of His real presence within our churches.

And I say to you, my dear brethren: let your zeal in carrying out this present work be generous and untiring. Remember, it is a privilege to be allowed to build a house for God; remember that, after all, He only requires what is His, and what He has so abundantly placed at your disposal.

Let your zeal for this work be not only generous but untiring. And David said to Solomon his son: "As I like a man and his courage do; so I like a man and his industry; for the Lord thy God will be with thee, and will not leave thee nor forsake thee till thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord."

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ABOUT CONFESSION.

When and by Whom it was First Instituted.

The Testimony of Holy Writ and Tradition, of Saint and Doctor, of Apostles and Schismatics Ancient and Modern—A Sermon Worth Pondering Over by Every Christian.

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Upon the conclusion of the sermon His Grace went round the building and blessed the various religious societies assembled. The Patriotic T. A. & B. society was represented. Among those in its ranks were Hon. Edward Murphy, its president; Jas. J. Costigan, secretary; P. Doyle, vice-president; J. J. Carran, O. C. M. P., John L. Jensen, B. Emerson, A. Brogan, M. P.; M. Sharkey, and about sixty others.

MODERN MIRACLES.

A Marvelous Account of Instantaneous Cures.

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 13.—A day sacred to the memory of St. Anthony of Padua, this morning brought thousands of people, both Catholic and Protestant, to the shrine erected to him in the chapel bearing his name at the corner of the most holy name, on Troy Hill, Allegheny, at whose altar presides as chief priest the far famed Father Mellinger.

At most every city in the country was represented, and all believed they would go away benefited, if not entirely cured. In the church are some of the bones of the saint, and it is on the present occasion Father Mellinger begins some of his most miraculous cures.

When Mrs. Parks, of Philadelphia, was carried into the church she was a twitching, helpless woman, her ailment was epilepsy. Father Mellinger told her that in three days she would be entirely cured. She arose from her couch and walked away with scarcely any perceptible evidence of her sickness.

The Fete Dieu Procession.

All the arrangements for the Fete Dieu procession have been completed. The parades will form in line in the following order: St. Louis, Notre Dame du Bon Conseil, St. Jean Baptiste, Sacre-Coeur, St. Bridget, St. Joseph, St. Anne, St. James, Notre Dame and St. Patrick's. The canopy will be attended by the churchwardens and the members of the Bar. The route will be along St. James st., through Victoria square, up Radegonde street, along Lexington to St. Patrick's church, up Alexander to St. Catherine, and down St. Urban to the Church of Notre Dame. The procession will start at 8:30 a.m.

Windsor Hotel Dieu.

Mr. Chas. Chausse, of Montreal, the architect who made the plans for the Hotel Dieu, of Windsor, arrived in town last Wednesday evening, and made a thorough examination of the work done so far at the above building.

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ST. ANN'S PILGRIMS.

Return and Testify to Wonderful Miracles.

The first band of pilgrims, 948 in number, who have this season visited the shrine of St. Anne de Beauport, passed through this city Wednesday last on their return homeward to Burlington, Vt., and Salem Mass. They arrived here per E. & O. N. company's steamer Canada.

When our Saviour was questioned as to His teaching, He said: "Ask them who heard what I have spoken to them: Behold, they know what things I have said." Now what do they say who heard Him? We read in the Acts of the Apostles: "Many of those who believed came confessing and declaring their deeds, and these 'Acts' were written by St. Luke the Evangelist. Says St. John, the Apostle, 'If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all iniquity.' 1st Ep. Oh. I. Says St. Jerome, speaking of a certain class of heretics, 'They reject confession because they are ashamed to confess their sins.' 'Do not confess to me,' says St. John Chrysostom, 'only of fornication, nor of these things that are manifest among men, but bring together also thy secret calumnies and evil speakings and all such things.' Says St. Ambrose: 'The person in sin, the remitted confession.' Says St. Augustine: 'An all

THIS IS A MIRACLE.

The Liquefaction of the Blood of St. Januarius.

The Most Gorgeous Religious Ceremony Witnessed in any Part of the World—The Blood on the Stone Where the Great Saint Suffered also Miracled.

The liquefaction of the blood of St. Januarius takes place three different times each year. One of these occasions is the Saturday before the first Sunday in May, when the blood of the holy martyr is carried in procession from the cathedral dedicated to his honor to the church of Saint Clare.

On the last occasion the procession left the cathedral at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 6 o'clock His Eminence Cardinal Napolitano, Archbishop of Naples, departed the vase containing the solid mass of blood of dark clay-like color on the altar in the church of St. Clare. The prayers prescribed were recited by the Cardinal and responded to by all present.

It has always been in accordance with the Providence of Almighty God to work out His designs among men through human agents. It was through Moses He demanded the release of His people from Pharaoh. It was through Moses He hurried the pursuing hosts in the Red Sea. When St. Paul fell for Christ, on his way to Damascus, he sent him to Ananias, who came and met Paul and said: 'The Lord Jesus hath sent me that thou shouldst receive thy sight.' And he received his sight and was baptized.

Now these words plainly show that Christ gave to His Apostles the power of forgiving or not forgiving sins; and the Church so defines, saying: 'If anyone will affirm that the words of Christ, 'I receive ye, etc., are not to be understood of the power of forgiving or retaining sin in the Sacrament of Penance, as the Catholic Church has always taught from the beginning, let such a one be anathema.' This same power of forgiving or not forgiving was to be communicated through the Apostles to their successors, the bishops and priests of the Church, for it is a power which belongs to the Apostolic office, as much, for instance, as the commission to preach and baptize, and must therefore be exercised unto the consummation of the world. Furthermore, as the evil, sin, will unfortunately exist unto the end, as it existed in the Apostolic age, so the remedy chosen by Christ, the Sacrament of Penance, must co-exist with it.

Observe that while Christ gives the power of forgiving or retaining sins, He says nothing of the obligation of confessing them, but you will understand that the obligation of confession on the part of the penitent is implied in the power of forgiving or retaining, bestowed on the Apostles and their successors. The Apostles could not exercise their power unless they knew the sins, and they could know the sin only after they had been told or confessed to them. That the Apostles understood that Christ had given the power of forgiving and retaining, and that the faithful understood that confession of sin, joined with the other requisite dispositions, was the ordinary means of obtaining the remission thereof, will appear evident from the actions and writings of those who lived with the Apostles, and nearest to the Apostolic times.

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THE WORK AMONG THE LEPERS.

New York, June 15.—Father Callaghan, of Castle Garden, who some time ago sent to the leper settlement of Molokai several cases of clothing, to-day received a letter from Father Wendell, the successor of Father Damien, thanking him for the gifts.

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