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with which we have halled the auspicious day which has just brought with it a new source of rejoicing to the whole world Rightly do we call ated the twenty-filth year of your thursty Pontificate For, as the Church of Christ rejoiced when you became pilot of the bark of Peter, so does she tejoice to-day while the helm is still in your hands, for she knows that you have always steered a safe course through the many storms that have risen on all sides. Wherefore, Most and congratulate you on this truly wonderful event, almost unique in the history of the long line of Pontiffs Every one of us, the Bishops of the United States of North America, refolce, and the clergy of both orders. together with the flocks entrusted to us, thate in our gladness We thank God for this great gift of His Divine bounty conferred only on you and one or two others of the long line of the successors of the Blessed Peter. We congratulate you on having by all your great labors for the church, Liought glory to God, salvation to the faithful, and won for yourself a brighter crown and one which will never lade.

THE NEW SPLENDOR ADDED TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BY LEO XIII.

But we cannot consent to stop at the expression of those sentiments For it is fitting that sons should commemorate a father's glorious and illustrious deeds which have added with the flight of years new splendor to the Chirch of Christ. Since you have worn the triple crown you have most worthily fulfilled your triple function as Vicar of Christ, the supreme king, master and priest. For you, wiscat of kings, have extended the Kingdom of Christ on earth committed to you. and brought it unscathed through all the assaults that have been made upon it; you, guerdian most faithful of unity, harkening to the admonition of Christ, have confirmed your brethren and have left no means untried to bring schismaties to due subjection and heratics to the centre of Catholic truth; you, ilsentrious defender of liberty, have borne aid to every individual church when sacked with tempests in your supreme desire to have the public powers recognize the right of the ment we would never have put our catholic religion to be propagated all hands to the task, and we know that peace, have striven amain that harmony between pastors and their and for your bestowal of the rights flooks might, with the belp of God, be maintained sale, tranquil, undefiled. That real for peace which shines out in you, together with an equal love for justice, has had such influence on the minds of the most potent rulers that they have not besitated to select you as an arbiter of their rights and entrusted to your vardict the solution of disputed questions. And you have willingly un-

brought it to a happy termination with marvelous prudence and to the complete satisfaction of the contending parties. THE ABUNDANT FRUITS OF THE POPE'S WISE TEACHINGS. Nor have you been unmindful, Most Holy Father, of that other charge which has been laid upon you by Him who, constituted by God as king over Sion, His holy mountain, was at the same time the true light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world-for you have done service by teaching as well as by ruling, and would that all those whom you have labored to instruct in the words of life had jent a docile ear to the voice of such a teacher. For there is not a single error threatening the welfare and the peace of modern soclety which you have not striven to root out by your wise teaching, there have more than once enlightened us is no truth-making for the salvation | as to the importance of this. giving of souls in our days which you have many teasons why the presence of an not inculcated to be taught to the Apostolic Delegate is to be regarded

people from the pulpit. Your salutary you those principles which so provide for human liberty, for the sanctity and persetuity of Christian marriage, for the necure constitution of States. that the individual rights of all are preserved inviolate. Nay, even those out of maion with the Roman See have bostowed praise upon you for these great documents of instruction

Then again, as Vicar of the Suprome Priest, you have entered heart and soul on the task of promoting divine worship with all seal, and, by fostering plety in the sacred ministers and increasing the devotion of the faithful, of revealing to all the

emescions sanctily of the church, For through you'the salutary devotion to the scared heart has been aprend, the most truitful prestice of the recery has been redulevely promoted, the peridence of all, especial-

ly of the working classes and those whom the percette of Christ has glore fad by fights has been stimulated on the nationage of the Blessed Joby the entire but achy of the United a spin. Withol you have not only with States to the Rolling's on the occusion of his Protince I has becomes and the advantages of the been published in the original Latin Frequency families, who follow the text by the Osservatore Romanic in Jeruscoft al counsels, and commended consideration of the folly position to all the faithful for the increase of

of St. Francis, the amount laws, of Most Hoty bather-test this letter which have now been wisely adapted be an ample testimony of the los to modern standards of life, but you have also held up as an example to evers Christian family the holy famithy of Nazareth and have confirmed devotion to it and imitation of it auspicious the day which has maugir- by the sanction of your supreme au-

THE BENEFITS CONFERRED ON THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

These are assiredly striking evidences of your solicitude in ruling. teaching and sanctifying the Church of Christ But it is eminently fitting Holy Father, we, too, your most that those who have been honored obodient sons, rejoice, return thanks | with special takens of your penevolence should call to mind the proofs of your marked paternal goodness to them, and to return heartfelt thanks for the benefits they have received at your hands In truth, of all the main offices included in the solicitude of the supreme pastor, it would be difficult to find a single one which you have not exercised to the especial and notable advantage of this American church At the very beginning of your Pontificate you turned your eyes to this part of the flock which has been entristed to your keeping, and after a few years you convoked by your authority the Plenary Council of Baltimore, and devoted all care and thought to the promotion of the welfare of this entire country This council, from which we are still deriving happy and most abundant fruit, had scarcely been summoned when you graciously acceded to the wishes of the Bishops by confirming with a legal constitution the Urban College, already founded by your distinguished predecessor, Pius IX, for the formation of youths of this renublic for the scared ministry. You designed to bestow canonical sanctions upon it, to distinguish it with the name and title of Pontifical, and to enrich it with all the prerogatives and privileges of pontifical colleges MORE PROOFS OF LEO'S SOLICI-

TUDE FOR AMERICA These were but the beginning of the benefits you have conferred upon us. We will never forget the kindness with which you received our plan for the founding in the heart of this republic of a Catholic university. For, Most Holy Father, nobody questions that the great centre of study, founded several years ago at Washington, is mainly your work. Without your approval and encourageover the world; you, ardent lover of it nover could have achieved completion were it not for your sanction

> Besides all this, we must record still another proof of your benevolence in the annals of the American church For, when you heard that we were about to celebrate the centenary of the establishment of the hierarchy in the United States of North America, you sent letters of congratulation, in which you once more showed us your special love for the Bishops and the faithful. Nor was of our solicitude for you and for it atrange that you should have been the interests of religion among you. It strange that you should have been atly rejoiced at those centenary wiebrations after all you have done for the increase of the hierarchy here For of the fourteen provinces, with their sixty-nine dioceses, into which the church of the United States of in hierarchial order, three Metropolitan Sees and not less than twentyfour Episcopal Secs glory in having you, Most Holy Father, as their founder

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATION AT

WASHINGTON. Yet not even here do the manifestations of your paternal love for us stop. For among others there is one which cannot be passed by in silence - I mean the establishment of the American Legation. You yourself Apostolic Delegate is to be regarded as a proof of your affection for us guidance has been applauded by all But if the institution of this delega-the faithful who have received from tion has in a sense crowned the edifice of ecclesiastical ministration, it has not, however, put a term to your benefits to us. For we think it worthy of mention that even after the institution of the Apostolic Delegation, Your Holiness has been pleased to address us by letter time and again, and in that way, to aid us in those matters which you have so of-

ten approved As we ponder on these and other such thoughts, we see clearly, Most Holy Father, that it is not enough for us merely to call to mind all the benefits we have received from you, but that we must show our gratitude

in deeds rather than in worle. We pray Your Holtness to accept this manifestation of our fillal love and deepest veneration, which we declare to be in the name of all the faithful of this country. To maintain I about from district to district to ad-

defend the rights of the Apostolic See, to profess the truth of the Catholio faith-for this we strive, for this we shall strive to the shedding of our blood Such, Most Holy Father, are the sentiments we would express to you in our joy and in token of our filial devotion and our due reverence, while we pray the Divine Majesty to preserve and prosper you and to keep son to the years of Peter and beyond as the good father of the Christian family, bringing forth from the treasurs of the supreme primacy new things and old for your children

J CARDINAL GIBBONS In his own name and in that of all the Archbishops and Bishops of the Finited States Ballimore, March 3, 1902

POPE LEO'S RESPONSE TO THE AMERICAN BISHOPS

To our Beloved Son James, of the title of Santa Marta in Trastevere Cardinal Priest of the Holf Roman Church, Gibbons, and to the other Archbisops and Hishops of the United States of America. Befoved son and venerable brothers,

health and benediction

Certainly we have reason to reroice, and the Catho ie world, through reverence for the Apostolic See, has reason to reloice at the extraordinary fact that we are to be reckoned as the third in the long line of Roman Pontiffs to whom it has been happily given to enter upon the twenty-fifth year of the Supreme Priestwood But in this circle of congratulations, while the voices of all are welcome to us, that of the Bishops and faithful of the United States of North America bring us special joy, both on account of the prominent merit of your country and of the special love we entertain for you

You have been pleased, Beloved Son and Venerable Brothers, in your ioint letter to us to mention in detail what we have done for your churches, prompted by charity, during the course of our Pontificate. We, on the other hand, are glad to call to mind the many and various ways in which you have ministered to our consolation throughout this period If we found pleasure in the state of things which prevailed among you when we first entered upon the charge of the Supreme Apostolate, now that we have advanced beyond twenty-lour years in the same charge, we are constrained to confess that our first pleasure has never been diminished, but, on the contrary, has increased from day to day by reason of the in-crease of Catholicty among you. The cause of this increase, although first of all to be attributed to the providence of God, must also be ascribed to your energy and activity. You have, in your prudent policy, prompted every kind of Catholic organizations with such wisdom as in provide for all necessities and all contingencies, in harmony with the remarkable character of the people of

THE WONDERFUL PROGRESS OF

CATHOLICTY IN AMERICA Your chief praise is that you have promoted and sedulously continue to loster the union of your churches with this chief of churches and with the Vicar of Christ on earth. Herein. as you rightly confess, is the apex and centre of government—teaching and priesthood, the source of that unity which Christ destined for His church, and which is one of the most powerful notes distinguishing it from all human sects. The fruitful exercise of this government and teaching has never been left wanting to any nation by us, and we have never permitted that you or your people should suffer the lack of it. For we have gladly availed ourself of every opportunity to testily the constancy And our daily experience obliges us to confess that we have found your people, through your influence, endowed with perfect docility of mind and alacrity of heart. Therefore, while the changes and the tendencies North America is to-day distributed of nearly all the nations which have for long ages been in possession of Catholicism give cause for sorrow, the state of your churches, in their flourishing youthfulness, cheers our mind and fills us with gladness. True, you are shown no special favor by the law of the land, but on the other hand you lawgivers are certainly entitled to praise for the fact that they do nothing to restrain you in your just liberty You must, therefore, and with the Catholic host behind, make strenuous use of the favorable time for action which is now at your disposal by spreading broad as far as possible the light of truth against the errors that prevail and the sects of absurd opinions that continue to

THE GREAT WORK DONE IN THE UNITED STATES BY CATHOLIC EDUCATORS.

We are not unaware, venerable brothers, of all that has been done by every one of you for the establishment and the success of schools and academies for the proper education of children By your zeel in this respect your have clearly acted in conformity with the exhortations of the Apostolic See and the prescriptions of the Council of Baltimore. Your magnificent work on be half of ecclesiastical seminaries has assuredly been calculated to increase the prospects of good to be done by the clergy and to add to their dignity. Nor in this all. You have wisely taken measures to enlighten dissidents and to draw them to the truth by appointing learned and worthy members of the cleary to 80

unity among ourselves unimpaired, to , dress them in public in familiar style in temples and other hulldings, and to solve the difficulties that may be advanced. An excellent plan, and one which we know has niceady borne abundant fruit Nor has your charity been unmindful or the rad lot of the negro and the Indian - you have sent them teachers, helped them liberally, and you are most realously providing for their eternal salitation. We are glad to add a stimulus, it such be necessary, to enable you to continue these undertakings with full couffdence that your work is worthy of commendation.

Finally, not to omit the expression of our gratitude we would have you know what satisfaction you have caused us by the liberatity with which your people are endeavoring to contribute by their offerings to relieve the penury of the Holy See Many indeed and great are the nocessities for which the Vicar of Christ as Supreme Pastor and Father of the Church's bound to provide in order to avert injury and to promoto the faith. Hence your generosity bocomes an exercise and a testimony of

For all these reasons we wish to declare to you again and again our affection for you Let the Apostolio blessing, which we bestow most lovingly in the Lord upon you all and upon the flocks entristed to each one of you, be taken as a token of this affection and an augury of Divine

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O Mary, every step of thine upon earth is either a lesson or a benefit! Queen of Heaven, Mother of Mercies, in thee is life, joy, and hope of the earth!

Each of us is bound to make the small circle in which he lives better and happier, each of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the greatest good may flow.

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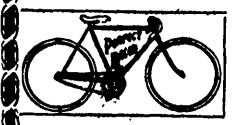
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