

Finest Church in New | The Papal World.

The see of New York was erected by the Pope on April 8, 1808, and it is the desire of Archbishop Farley to celebrate the centenary of this event next year by the consecration of St. Patrick's Cathedral, preliminary preparations for which are now under way. The interior of the great gothic edifice of Fifth avenue is to be remodelled and with the splendid new altars and other gifts which are being made, half a milion dollars will have been expended before the transformation will be complete. The Lady Chapel, given by the Kelly family, cost moge than \$800,000. The altar for this chapel, which is being made in Italy, is expected to arrive soon, and there will be no finer example of ecclesiastical art in this country. Its cost is given as \$90,000.

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At the left hand side of the Lady Chapel is being erected an altar to St. Michael by M. C. Bouvier and his family. John D. Crimmins is to build an altar to St. Joseph on the right side of the chapel. It is understood these memorials are being erected at a cost of \$50,000 each. Spaces between the columns of the church through which worshipers now go from nave to nave to the Lady Chapel are to be enclosed with

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Lady Chapel are to be enclosed with great screens of bronze which are to be twenty feet in height. Their cost will be about \$100,000.

One of the most important changes to be made in the edifice will be a marble floor which will take the place of the wooden one which was put down temporarily when the cathedral was built.

The present pews, which have begun to look rather forlorn, are to be removed and new ones of approved design will replace them. There will be a resulting economy of space which will add a third to the seating capacity of the auditorium. All the marble in the interior of the edifice is to be thoroughly cleansed,

and perhaps unequalled, clustered columns of white marble, from which spring the arches that support the walls of the clerestory.

The interior of the building is 300 feet long, 120 feet across the nave including the chapels. The center aisle is 48 feet wide and 108 feet high. The width of the side aisles is 24 feet and the height 54 feet. The length of the transept is 140 feet. The ceiling is very richly groined with ribbing, having bosses of foliage at their intersections, and the capitals of the columns are of rich foliage of various designs. In the side aisles are beautiful memorial chapels.

The principal feature of the edifice is the central gable fronting on Fifth avenue, 156 feet high with towers and spires each 330 feet high. A splendid set of chimes, the equal of which, it is said, does not exist in the country, hangs from the third story of the towers about 110 feet from the avenue.

The original plans were drawn by James Renwick in 1853. They called for a larger building than that erected, but the plans had to be reduced to allow for the episcopal residence.—Catholic Universe.

Secretaryship.

The importance of the great post which really entailed all the energies

which really entailed all the energies and attention of the occupant, won for its holder the title of Cardinale Padrone, or Master-Cardinal, a prestige which still attaches to it. He is above every other Cardinal in official importance and dignity. How necessary it is that the Vatican should have its Prime Minister, can be seen when one considers that the following countries have their special representatives at the Court of the Sovereign Pontiff; Austria, Spain, Prussia, Bevaria, Portugal, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Haiti, San Domingo and Mofaco.

On her part the Church has her

day to the Pontiff, since nothing is done without his orders or instructions.

As the Angelus rings the Cardinal Secretary leaves his cabinet in order to receive his guests in the reception halls, set aside for his particular use. Here may be seen people of distinction from all countries in the world. In the case of Merry del Val, the peculiar fassination he exercises over people, makes him the most-visited man in the Eternal City. It is not uncommon sight to see the following company at his receptions. An English duke not a Catholic, a New York newspaper man belonging to a monsectarian journal; the thiel of an in rish Jesuit college; an Irish parish priest; a sporting English squire to the American ambassador to Italy; a member of the House of Commons; a Chicago millionaire with a couple of Harvard sons; an officer in the English Horseguards; a Spanish Bishop; a missionary from Africa—truly as interesting a sollection of human beings as any host could desire that least in his business receptions, says a French writer, he has need of more mental agility than is given to

demands on his tact, patience and capacity for giving his supplicants satisfaction.

The department of the Papal Secretariat is divided into two sections—that of the secretaryship proper, precis writers, confidential scribes, deputies for the Cardinal Secretary; and that of "Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs," a body of prelates specially enjoined to watch the whole political drama of the world, day by day, and to report upon such day by day, and to report upon such events as they thing impinge upon the province of the Church. It is in these administrative bureaus that all distinguished prelates of the Church begin their careers.

A Portrait in Words.

The Westminster Gazette gives a modest prize for portraits in words, and this is one of the most recent winners: "He is short and sturdily built, and his blunt features are pleasant rather than refined, but his thick hair is silvery white; his mouth is kind and his eyes are very blue. I heard a woman saying, Poveretto!' as he passed surrounded by the Princes of the Church, and preceded by the blare of silver trumpets, to be crowned before the central shrine of St. Peter. He looked ill, and very sad and forlorn. Tears were running down his face as he raised his hand to bless. He wept for the dear Vanice he would never see again. Henceforth he must stay in Rome, immovable, and be as lonely as a god. When pligrims come from the shores of the Adriatic he talks eagerly in Venetian dialect. Sometimes he tries to walk alone in the gardens. Homely, kind, impulsive. surely a Galilean fisherman may call him brother." The Westminster Gazette gives

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plans:

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(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

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CHAPTER VII.-A New

dard.

It takes very little to spirits of young people, a less to send them up to point of the thermomet rise, knowing that Mrs looked on her as an ignefered for a while the sou How could she ever gain, that uncompromising d that uncompromising woman? she asked herse worst of it was that, she the only subject of scorn, shared in it. Could any whole world be more unly the world be led to her the dear not help her; she was she had been well taught refuge in prayer. The being her finger tips, brought to her, and she medically the world be her and she medically the world being her finger tips, brought of the little room which wood said was to be her. At three o'clock Kathar glimpse of the city. She trails in the delight of the world be world be the world be wor

So-and-so's carriage was It Chestnut street, in good just before noon, or a lanon, offers a beautiful Its very narrowness gives of concentration. In near square was a flower vende and Katharine could not an exclamation of pleasure window of a famous florising with La France and Jaroses, met her view.

roses, met her view.

"Oh, really, you must no so much feeling; it's not go said Mrs. Sherwood, half half amused. "Are you feeliowers?" "Am I?" cried Katharir

eyes sparkling.
"There's no reason why yout have some, then,"
Mrs. Sherwood, and they ex shop. Katharine was entirely he

Katharine was entirely he moment; the flowers to sympathies as a fine poem song, moves others. But he wood brought her to her surface with the contry if you stare the contry if you stare the cultivate repose."

Katharine blushed, and louded. The shopman filled with La France roses, and he wood carefully chose a buncations, as she understood were the fashionable flower the London season.

were the fashionable flowe the London season.

Again they walked along t Where did all the people co Katharine wondered. Were happy? And how many tholics? Some of them lo good that she hoped they vehicles.

"How pretty the young gr And how well dressed!" sh

And how well dressed!" she claimed.

"You must expect that it delphia," Mrs. Sherwood se people-even those not in have the best taste in the New York is awful, and B-" Mrs. Sherwood could n press her contempt for the claism of Baltimore; she onle as one who looks down from height on the pigmies beneat Mrs. Sherwood sighed as sed at Katharine's face, matively beautiful by interest a jathy, and thought how she might have been if K were only "somebody," instean unknown young girl care convent school.

Katharine's trials began w reached the dressmakers. Wretched hours were passeding and trying on various ments.

"You are very kind!" she

"You are very kind," she
Mrs. Sherwood, "and I appre
Of course I like fine clothes,
don't you think we might be
ready made?"

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