

CANADIAN COLLEGE IN ROME. INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF THE COMING CELEBRATION.

Rome, March 14. This year a most interesting anniversary for Canadian Catholics will be celebrated, that of the foundation of the Canadian college in Rome, which is the most important institution of the Dominion, indeed the only one, in the Eternal City, and of which there is no member of the clergy at home who has not very pleasant recollections, either as student or visitor. Canada is the last corner of the world to be represented in Rome with a college for the education of young priests.

In the British world England occupies the first place, as her college boasts of being a continuation of the school and hostel for the English people visiting Rome, which legend says was founded by Ina, King of Wessex, in 727. St. Thomas of Canterbury is supposed to have resided there, under the Henry VIII. Several Englishmen took refuge there and when the Catholic Bishops were driven from their sees, at the accession of Elizabeth, Thomas Goldwell, Bishop of St. Asaph, was also given hospitality. By 1617 the English college could count among those who had been educated there, forty priests who had suffered martyrdom in England, giving occasion to St. Philip Neri to salute the students with the words, "Salvete flores martyrum!" (Hail ye flowers of the martyrs.)

The Scotch also possess in Rome a Church and a hostel of the time of Henry VIII., which Mary Stuart put on a sound footing, but the Scotch college, as it now stands, was founded by Clement VIII. in 1590. In 1616, it was made over, by Paul V. (Borghese) to the Jesuits, who had the management of it down to their suppression in 1773. Pius VII. revived it in 1820, and placed it under the charge of a Scotch secular priest, as Rector.

Gregory XIII, who, as we saw, was practically the founder of the English College, intended to have one also for the Irish, but as at that time they were persecuted he thought it better to devote the money to assisting them. The college was, instead, founded by his nephew, Cardinal Ludovico, in 1628, with the celebrated Irish Franciscan historian Father Luke Wadding, as first rector, the college starting with six students and a donation of \$50 per month. This college also remained under the Jesuits until their suppression. Leo XII. restored it in 1829, and Cardinal Capellari, afterwards Gregory XVI., conceived a singular affection for this Irish community and loaded it with favors. In 1836 he paid a formal visit to the College, while Paul Cullen, afterwards Cardinal Archbishop of Dublin, was rector, and in the same year he gave the college the church and Sant' Agata dei Goti (St. Agatha of the Goths), which has now a great interest for the Irish people, as it contains the heart of the Irish patriot, Daniel O'Connell, who left it to them as a legacy, and is enclosed in a monument to him.

Canada, which was known to Rome only through her pilgrims, and her Zouaves who fought bravely whenever called upon, owes to the Salesians and more especially to the Seminary of St. Sulpice, of Montreal, the foundation of her College, which is the most comfortable and the handsomest in Rome.

The negotiations for this institution began in 1885 and on the 24th of August of that year Lord Salisbury, then British Premier, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, telegraphed to Lord Lumley, Ambassador in Rome, entrusting to his good offices the erection of the Canadian College in the Eternal City. The corner stone of the building was laid on February 24, 1887, in the presence of Father Leard, Superior General of St. Sulpice, while Cardinal Howard, Protector of the new institution, conducted the ceremony, assisted by Cardinals Tascheroni and Gibbons, who were both in Rome to take their red hats, having been raised to the purple by Leo XIII. shortly before, in the same Consistory. Another prelate present at that interesting function, was Monsignor John J. Koenig, then Bishop of Richmond, and now Archbishop of Dubuque, Iowa.

The inauguration of the College took place on November 11, 1888, with magnificent weather, one of those golden Roman days, in which sun, sky and air seem to combine for the delight of man. The ceremony was conducted by Cardinal Parocchi, Vicar of Rome, who was then supposed to be the most probable successor to Leo XIII., but who instead died several years before that great Pope. A glance at the notabilities present makes, at twenty years distance, curious and interesting reading. The Seminary of St. Sulpice, of Montreal, had sent its Superior, Father Colin, who had done so much towards the erection of the new college, and the diocese was represented by the Archbishop, Monsignor Fabre, who died eight years later. He had brought with him as his secretary, a young Abbe, Father Bruce, who was to succeed him in his high position. Of those who meanwhile have died I will recall the good Monsignor Moreau, Bishop of St. Hyacinth, who passed away a little over two years later. Other prelates, instead, still occupy the same position, as then, such as Monsignor Duhamel, the venerable Archbishop of Ottawa, Mgr. Riordan, Archbishop of San Francisco, and Mgr. Meunier, Bishop of Covington, Ky. The Canadian Bishops present assisted Cardinal Parocchi in the blessing of the College, which was performed in the presence also of Mr. Kennedy, British Charge d'Affaires, representing the English Government.

Three days later Cardinal Simeoni, Prefect of Propaganda, presented to Leo XIII. the staff of the College, and all the Canadian Bishops and prelates who were in Rome for the occasion. The audience took place in the Hall of the Throne, and the Archbishop of Montreal, speaking in the name of Canada, said that the College

was a gift of the Dominion for the Papal Jubilee of that year. The Pontiff answered that he considered it was the handsomest and most useful present which could be offered to him, and expressed the hope of seeing the new college march along the same way as the other institution of St. Sulpice. Father Colin, whom the Pope especially complimented, said, "Holy Father, this Canadian College is the Beam of the family, and desires to receive the Benediction of the Patriarch." "I bless it with all my heart," replied the Pope. "How many students?" "Twelve, as in the Apostolic College of the Apostles." "Well they must become 20, 25, 30..." ended the Pope, and this prophecy has been realized, as there are 30 students this year. As is known they are already priests or clerics, who having finished their elementary theological studies desire to take academic degrees, and therefore, come to Rome to frequent the schools of Propaganda for philosophy and theology, and those of the Apostolic for other branches. Each student pays \$150 a year while at the College and wears the ordinary ecclesiastical black gown, with black sash, which is most dignified and serious, while for instance, their fellow students at the German College, in their scarlet robes are so conspicuous as to be one of the "sights."

The first Rector of the College was Abbe Palin d'Abbeville, the second, Father L. W. Leclair, and the third, the present one, Father Georges Camille Chapin, of St. Hyacinthe, who has occupied this post for eight years and whose ability, tact, and learning, has won him an enviable position at the Vatican, he being one of the most influential ecclesiastics there. It may be well to add here that the Rector receives no payment for his services.

The inauguration of the Canadian College marked an epoch in Rome, not however, a religious one, but an epoch of comfort, as it was the first building here in which steam heating, or central heating as they call it here, was applied. Anyone who was in Rome fifteen years or so ago will remember the awful chill of the big palaces, and invitations, full of suites of immense rooms, with no visible means of heating them. No fire-places, nothing but a brass brazier filled with charcoal ashes, very picturesque and delightful to read about, but fearful to have to do with. Even the huge Vatican, with its 11,000 years, had no other heating until the last years of Leo XIII's pontificate his doctor insisted on steam heating so that he might always be in an atmosphere of equal temperature. The Pontiff fought hard, saying that he did live in an equal temperature of cold, but the doctor had his way, and Pius X. is reaping the benefit also, although in the beginning he disliked it somewhat, but not wholly, as he had been accustomed to great porcelain stoves in Venice.

The Patron Saint of the College is St. Joseph, who is kept fresh in the mind of the students by a magnificent relief over the great door, a work of art, by the well known sculptor, Barbolini. It represents St. Joseph at work in his shop, with the Divine Infant, a delicious interior which teaches that work is the least of the sacrifices. The building itself is most graceful, the architect, Signor Corinnari, having been inspired by Bramante, and indeed the College recalls the celebrated Palace of the Cancelleria.

Nor is this typical Canadian institution entirely without precious relics. On January 21, 1891, Leo XIII. sent a silver reliquary, handsomely worked, containing the bones of the seven saints who founded the order of the Servites, and who were canonized by him during his great Jubilee year, as a present to the College, and in the same year and month, a noble family of Rome offered to sell a reliquary, containing an authentic bit of the true cross, to the Rector. The price went beyond his means when the Princess de Broglie came forward, bought it, and gave it to the College as an offering to St. Joseph.

MONSIGNOR SAUTTO.

PUNISHING THE FAITHLESS.

HOW THEY DEAL WITH TROTH BREAKERS IN IRELAND. They sometimes take the law into their own hands in Ireland, as the following press despatch shows:

"Dublin, March 28.—Robert Flynn, once an artilleryman, now a small farmer near Carrick on Shannon, made love to Mary Durkin, a girl as pretty as worthy. They engaged themselves to marry; the date for their wedding was fixed. Mary prepared her trousseau with her own needle, but with each stitch she felt hopes as pure, as tremulous as ever animated a princess. Suddenly and without the slightest cause Flynn transferred his affections, so called, to Annie Farrelly, another local beauty. The priest, like every one in the country round, knew of Flynn's faithlessness to Mary Durkin, and after giving him and Annie Farrelly a severe lecture, telling them he questioned if they could be happy, after breaking poor Mary's heart, the good father refused to marry them.

Flynn and Annie were married by civil process. This the farmers living near Carrick on Shannon regard as an insult to the young man, and Flynn's treatment of Mary Durkin. So when the bride and bridegroom were returning from the civil ceremony thirty young men met them. Without wasting words these rural defenders of the faith and of constancy in love seized Flynn and took the bride back to her father's house. Then they carried the struggling bridegroom to his house.

"For the past ten days and nights the young farmers have kept constant guard over both houses, have had Mr. and Mrs. Flynn under constant surveillance, have prevented them from rejoining each other, and the guard will be maintained until Easter Sunday.

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ARCHBISHOP AND JEW. From the Observer. The late Archbishop of Cologne, Mgr. Simar, had a pleasing experience similar to that of the late Cardinal Manning. He was waited on by a deputation of the leading Jews of Cologne headed by the president of the synagogue, Herr Jacob de Jorge, and the rabbi, Dr. Frank, who came to congratulate His Grace upon his accession to the See of Cologne. In the course of an eloquent address Rabbi Frank said:

"Ancient as the Cologne Diocese is, the Israelite population is an ancient. But at nearly all times the prelates on the archiepiscopal throne of Cologne have displayed friendly and benevolent dispositions towards the Jewish community. Especially in the Middle Ages, when the Jews on the Rhine suffered severely from the fanaticism of the misguided mob, the Archbishop of Cologne acted as a shield and support to the sufferers. I need only mention Archbishop Arnold and the never to be forgotten Engelbert II. of Falkenberg. This tradition of good will on the part of the Cologne Archbishop to the Jews Grace's predecessor, H. E. Cardinal Krenzlin, lives in the grateful and respectful remembrance of the Israelite population of the diocese. When in the 80's and 90's of the century just closed our co-religionists were being harshly oppressed and persecuted in Russia, Archbishop Krenzlin, of Cologne, true to his motto, 'Caritas urget', gave me proofs of his sympathy for the great work of rescue which had great influence on its success. And so we greet Your Grace and trust that you will continue the traditions of the past."

No less cordial was Archbishop Simar's reply and particularly happy quotation from "one of the greatest men of the Hebrew race two thousand years ago"—St. Paul in his Epistle to the Romans—in which he dwells upon the privileges of the Jewish people as the possessors of the Word and the "people of the Covenant." The Archbishop declared that his sentiments were those of every Bishop in the Catholic Church.

DIocese of London. MISSION AT ST. COLUMBAN. From May 10th to 17th a mission will be held in the parish of St. Columban of London, by two priests of the Jesuit Order, Rev. Fathers Devine of Montreal and Connolly of Guelph. We congratulate the energetic pastor of St. Columban, Rev. Albert McKean, upon the success of his work in this important parish. We congratulate the energetic pastor of St. Columban, Rev. Albert McKean, upon the success of his work in this important parish. We congratulate the energetic pastor of St. Columban, Rev. Albert McKean, upon the success of his work in this important parish.

DIocese of Peterborough. RELIGIOUS CEREMONY AT MOUNT ST. JOSEPH PETERBOROUGH. On Thursday morning at 9 o'clock in the chapel of Mount St. Joseph, Peterborough, there took place a very impressive ceremony at which ten young ladies were admitted to the holy habit of the community. The ceremony was conducted as usual by Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, D.D., Bishop of Peterborough, who was assisted by Rev. W. F. Scanlan, C.M., and Rev. P. J. Kelly, S.J., Peter's cathedral.

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