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CHRISTIAN REUNION.

Summary of Pope Leo's Encyclical.

Regarding as Making some Reference to the Letter of Mr. Gladstone—No New Opinion Set Forth, But the Constant Belief of All Ages.

Baltimore, June 29.—Cardinal Gibbons gave to the press this evening a copy of the summary of Pope Leo's encyclical letter on the reunion of all the Christian churches. His Holiness evidently had in mind the recent letter of the Right Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone, and the letter may be considered a reply thereto. His Eminence reviewed the advance sheets of this document on Saturday, and personally directed its translation. The abstract follows in part:—

"The Holy Father, intent upon the work of bringing all to the one fold of Christ, considers that it would conduce to that end were he to set before the peoples of the Christian world the ideal of the church as divinely constituted, to which church all are bound by God's command to belong.

"In accordance with his usual procedure G I makes use of human instruments to effect the sanctification and salvation of men. To this end not only did he take upon himself human nature, but in order to perpetuate His mission the Son of God chose apostles and disciples, whom he had trained that they might faithfully hand down His teachings.

"It is obviously of the first importance to determine what Christ wished His church to be, and what in fact He made it. According to this criterion it is the unity of the Christian church which must necessarily be considered, for it is certain that He who founded it wished it to be one. The mission of Christ was to save not some nations or peoples only, but the whole human race, without distinction of time or place. By the will of its founder it is necessary that this church should be in all lands and at all times. The nature of this unity of faith must and can be ascertained from the commands and teachings of Christ Himself. The mere possession of the Scriptures is not sufficient to insure unity of belief. It was necessary that there should be another principle to insure union of minds in the Christian church, and it is consequently proper to inquire which of the many means by which Christ our Lord could have secured this unity in fact adopted.

THE APOSTOLIC MISSION.

"Christ endowed His apostles with authority like to His own, and promised them the Spirit of Truth should direct them and remain with them forever, and because of this commission it is no more allowable to repudiate one iota of the apostles' teaching than to reject any point of the doctrine of Christ Himself. This apostolic mission was intended for the salvation of the whole human race, and consequently must last to the end of time. The magisterium instituted by Christ in His church was by God's will perpetuated in the successors appointed by the apostles, and in like manner the duty of accepting and professing all that is thus taught is also perpetual and immutable."

"Nothing which the church founded on these principles has been more careful to guard than the integrity of the faith. The fathers of the church are unanimous in considering as outside the Catholic communion any one who in the least degree deviates from even one point of the doctrine proposed by the authoritative magisterium of the church. Besides being the guardian of the faith, the church must afford the means of obtaining the salvation purchased by Christ. The dispensation of the divine mysteries was not granted by God indiscriminately to all Christians, but to the apostles and their successors. As true and perfect human society can be conceived which is not governed by supreme authority, so Christ of necessity gave to His Church a supreme authority to which all Christians must be obedient.

NOT THE ONLY AUTHORITY.

"The nature of this supreme authority can be ascertained from the positive and evident will of Christ on the matter. As He willed that His kingdom should be visited, Christ was obliged to designate a vice-regent on earth in the person of St. Peter. He also determined that the authority given to Him for the salvation of mankind in perpetuity should be inherited by St. Peter's successors. But though the authority of St. Peter and his successors is plenary and supreme it is not to be regarded as the only authority. The Bishops, who are the successors of the apostles, inherit their ordinary power and the episcopal order necessarily belongs to the essential constitution of the church. They are consequently, not to be regarded as mere vicars of the Roman pontiff, but as coequal with him. Many others spoke in the same way. Although Mr. Ryan was not present his name was unanimously adopted with the determination that no refusal would be accepted from him.

TORONTO, THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1836.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Toronto Delegates Finally Selected.

The Unanimous Choice of a Representative Meeting—All the Parishes and Irish Societies Send Representatives to the Nominating Body.

To St. Peter Alone.

For the dual preservation of the unity of the faith it is not sufficient that the head should have been charged merely with the office of superintendent or should have been invested solely with the power of direction, but it is absolutely necessary that he should have received the royal and sovereign authority which the whole community is bound to obey.

The Popes have ever unquestionably exercised the office of ratifying or rejecting the decrees of councils. Holy Writ attests that the keys of the kingdom of heaven were given to St. Peter alone, and that the promises of binding and loosing was granted to the apostles and lost to St. Peter, but there is nothing to show that the apostles received such power without St. Peter, nor against St. Peter. Such power he certainly did not receive from Jesus Christ. Wherefore in the decree of the Vatican Council to the nation and authority of the papacy the Romam pontifici no newly-conceived opinion is set forth but the venerable and constant belief of all ages."

CONFIRMATION AT HASTINGS.

An Interesting and Impressive Ceremony—Bishop O'Connor Presented With an Address.

On Sunday last there were five adults and seventy-two children confirmed at St. Mary's church, Hastings, by Bishop O'Connor. The service was conducted at the Hastings Star. His Lordship was accompanied by Rev. Fr. Phelan, of Northgate; Fr. Conroy, Fr. Conway, of Norwood; Fr. McCloskey, also assisted. The girls were beautifully dressed in white and each wore a wreath. The boys wore a white ribbon on their sleeves.

Sunday evening the Bishop delivered a very interesting lecture on Rome, its ancient and modern monuments. The lecture, which contained a mine of information, was listened to by a large and attentive audience. An address was read to his lordship by Mr. J. A. Howard, which appears below, and is an expression of fervent loyalty to himself, the pastor, Rev. Father Connolly.

Mr. Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough.

May I Praise Your Honour—On this your lordship's first episcopal visit to this your diocese since your return from the Holy See, on behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary's church, Hastings, greet you with the most loyal respect.

Since your lordship's last official visit, our parish sustained a heavy loss in the death of our venerable pastor, the late Rev. Father Connolly, whose demise we deeply deplored and though we yet grieve for him, still remember him in our prayers as one who was a guide in spiritual and a counsellor in our temporal affairs, our grief is assuaged by the appointment of our present pastor, the Rev. Father O'Connor, by his energy materially assisted our church in many ways, externally, as well as adding appointments for the service of God, and the parochial residence now in course of erection, will serve as a lasting monument to his untiring efforts in our behalf; his kindly interest in everything pertaining to our welfare endears him to all, and our most fervent prayers will be offered for a long and useful sojourn among us.

The credit of all these advantages we feel is due to your lordship's wise selection of a pastor to our spiritual wants.

We sincerely hope that your lordship has found this section of your diocese worthy of a favorable report during your stay with us. The Holy Father also that His Holiness has generously commissioned us to bestow upon His humble subjects here some few precious spiritual treasures of our Holy Church.

Mr. Eugene O'Keefe proposed the motion in an excellent speech. Mr. J. Lee, Mr. O'Connor, and several others urged the Senator to go with the delegation. Representatives of all the societies declared that they could go back to their bodies and report that their views and sympathies would be accurately expressed by Sir Frank Smith. His Grace also urged the Senator to go.

Mr. Eugene O'Keefe seconded the proposal.

This was declared unanimously carried, and there was loud applause when His Grace said he was ready to go.

Mr. Eugene O'Keefe proposed the name of Sir Frank Smith, an Irishman who had ever kept the best interests of his country near his heart, and had assisted the good cause with his voice and with his purse on all occasions.

Mr. Matthew O'Connor supported the motion in an excellent speech. Mr. J. Lee, Mr. O'Connor, and several others urged the Senator to go with the delegation. Representatives of all the societies declared that they could go back to their bodies and report that their views and sympathies would be accurately expressed by Sir Frank Smith.

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Sir Frank Smith said he had many public and domestic duties to tie him to Toronto this summer. His health was also not in the best condition, and he would prefer to see younger men chosen. But the meeting had honored him by putting him forward for so important a mission, and he would not refuse (loud applause).

Mr. Matthew O'Connor proposed the name of Mr. Hugh Ryan. No record goes to prove that he was more representative of the church than any other man, no more better qualified to enter into the deliberations of men assembled for a task of conciliating a divided party could be found in all Canada (loud cheers).

Sir Frank Smith dwelt upon the influence of Mr. Ryan, who he intimated he would be certain to carry with him. Many others spoke in the same way. Although Mr. Ryan was not present his name was unanimously adopted with the determination that no refusal would be accepted from him.

Mr. Frank Smith proposed the name of Mr. J. J. Foy, Q.C. This nomination

had also the unanimous support presented, half a dozen gentlemen pro-

posing it.

Mr. Foy replied that it was impossible for him to go. The date of the convention was inconvenient for one of the legal profession; but he would allow no right cause to interfere with his acceptance of the honor (applause).

The name of Father Ryan, rector of the Cathedral, was next proposed and carried with enthusiasm. The names of Messrs. Eugene O'Keefe, Thomas Long, Matthew O'Connor, and Patrick Boyle were received with similar enthusiasm and placed upon the list. These gentlemen declared their entire inability to get away from their business, but their names were retained.

Credentials will be forwarded to Dublin of all the delegates appointed at the meeting. The choice will give general satisfaction throughout the city and district.

BRITISH BLUE JACKETS.

Reception by the Pope—A Striking Scene—Officers and Men Attend Mass.

Rome, June 13.—Ninety hundred British sailors came to Rome to-day and visited the principal monuments.

Rome, June 14.—The visit of the British blue jackets to the Vatican has been an unequalled success. At seven o'clock this morning 250 of the Roman Catholic sailors of the Mediterranean Squadron, with some fifty officers, all under the command of Captain Grant, arrived from Civita Vecchia, at the Trastevere railway station in Rome. There they were received by a deputation of the Anglo-Roman Committee which, under the presidency of Monsignor Stonor, and with the assistance of the Duke of Norfolk, organised the whole affair. Coffee was served out to the men, and they then set out for the Vatican, which they entered by the Bronze Gate. Here the Swiss Guard were on duty and presented arms, the British sailors saluting in response. The front places in the Sistine Chapel were reserved for the British sailors of higher rank, and behind them was an array of bishops and cardinals. The galleries at the back were filled with people comprising the nobilities of the British Colonies and families of the Roman nobility. Near the altar were the English prelates, Monsignors Stonor, O'Callaghan, and Stanley, and the rectors of the English, Scotch, and Irish colleges.

The Pope entered the chapel at twenty minutes past eight, borne on the Sedis Gestatoria, from which with uplifted hand he gave his blessing to the kneeling congregation. His Holiness, who looked wonderfully well in health, then knelt at the Balditory while Mass was being celebrated by Mgr. Mazzolini. During Mass the choir sang a motet. When the service was over the Pope seated himself on a chair in front of the altar and held a reception for all the officers in turn being presented to him. Miss Seymour, daughter of the British Admiral was also presented by Mgr. Stonor. His Holiness rising, proceeded to go to the front of the altar, and the choir sang a hymn. The Pope then addressed the British sailors and told them that he was sorry to learn that they were in Rome on account of the Queen's illness, but assured them that she was improving every day.

Thereupon ensued a most striking scene. The whole congregation rose and broke forth into prolonged cheers, the sailors waving their hats and hurrahing at the Pope as he was being carried through their midst, bestowing his benediction from side to side the while. When his Holiness had left the chapel the members of St. Peter's Club took the sailors under their care and showed them over St. Peters.

At noon the whole party assembled in the Charlemagne portico adjoining the Basilica, and here an excellent meal was set out. The menu was as follows—Soup au consommé, baked beef, half a kilogram to each man, fried artichokes, chicken with salad, meringue, strawberries and cream, beef, marmalade, and champagne.

Sisters of Charity waited at the high tables where the officers and Prelates were served, while the young men of St. Peter's Club waited at the other tables. The dining hall was most tastefully decorated with flowers, and the Pontifical and British flags. Mr. Stonor, who presided proposed the health of the Pope and Queen Victoria, and the Abbé Strickland delivered a patriotic speech, which was heartily cheered. During the repast a choir sang the Pontifical hymn and God Save the Queen which were received with great enthusiasm.

After dinner the blue-jackets who appeared thoroughly delighted with their entertainment, were soon taken into the Vatican gardens, where oranges were given them, and later they were conducted in pairs to the various shrines which were crowded with hundreds, and which were provided by the organising committee, through the church thoroughfares of Rome, so that they might see the sights of the city. At 5.30 the men attended service at the Church of St. Sylvester, where Monsignor O'Callaghan officiated, and Canon Moyne preached a sermon.

Before the sailors finally set out for Civita Vecchia, some further refreshments were provided for them at the Trastevere station. The men behaved admirably throughout, and displayed the greatest interest in the day's doings.

Admiral Sir Michael Culme Seymour returned to Civita Vecchia this evening. Prior to his departure he visited the Duke of Sora, and expressed his thanks for the reception accorded to the British officers and men by the British Government. The Italian Government had also caused its thanks to be conveyed to the Italian Government both in its own name and in that of Queen Victoria.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

Closing Exercises at De La Salle.

The Diplomas and Pass Lists—Brilliant Examination of Brother Maxentius—Compliments of Dr. May—Patriotic Address by the Archibishop

De La Salle Institute commencement was held in the De La Salle Hall, Duke street, on Monday afternoon. There was a large attendance, principally of ladies. The hall was decorated for the occasion and the boys who took part in the entertainment of the afternoon made a fine appearance. His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto presided. There were present, Vicar General McCann, Rev. Fathers Ryan, James Walsh, Michael McIntyre, O'Gorman, Lawlor, Tracy, Cruise, Messrs. Flanagan, Steele, H. L. Baldwin, Mr. Boyle, F. A. Murphy, J. J. Lee, T. J. Lee, Trustees, James Ryan, D. A. Carey and others.

Dr. May, President of the Art Schools, was present on behalf of the Minister of Education to confer certificates to the students of the Provincial Art Schools examination. Dr. May was received with applause as he stepped by the platform. He spoke of Brother Maxentius as a man who is loved and respected by everyone who has met him. He had great pleasure in being able to announce on this occasion that Brother Maxentius, at the recent Provincial Art examination, had done more than any man or woman has ever done before in Ontario. He had taken no less than four full certificates (applause). These were in the Primary Course, in the Advanced Course and in the Mechanical Drawing Course (applause).

In each of these courses there are five subjects. In the whole of Ontario only one other full certificate had ever been taken in the Advanced Course. Only one other full certificate had also been won in the whole of Ontario for mechanical drawing. Brother Maxentius took all three (applause). Not only did he do that, but he also took the full certificate for modeling in clay; and he would have taken the medal were it not for the fact that it was debarraged on account of being a teacher. (Applause). Dr. May congratulated Brother Maxentius. He had known him for some years and had never met a more loveable man. He conveyed to Brother Maxentius the congratulations of the Minister of Education.

The Dramatic Club Honor Rev. Father Corbett. Cornwall, June 26.—On Wednesday evening a gay and festive little gathering was held by St. Columban's Dramatic Club in one of the class-rooms of the Convent school. Its object was to offer a hearty congratulation to the Rev. Father Corbett on the occasion of the completion and dedication of the new church. The school-room was tastefully and artistically furnished and decorated, and was made still brighter with a wealth of glowing flowers. A large number of the members of the club were present, and at about half past eight, the Rev. Father Corbett, accompanied by the Rev. Father Driscoll and Rev. Father Campbell, made his appearance. Rev. Father Campbell was made chairman for the evening. A programme which had been arranged for the entertainment, which took the form of a concert. The opening piece was a piano selection by Mrs. Anna and Ida McDonald, followed by a recitation from Miss Mannion, after which an address from the Club to Father Corbett was read by Mr. J. A. Chisholm; at the close of which, little Miss Violet Cameron, a member of the Club, presented the reverend gentleman with an exquisite bouquet.

Father Corbett showed a full appreciation of this little mark of esteem and affection on the part of the Club, and replied by expressing his thanks for the willing assistance it had rendered him since its organization, and spoke in very happy terms of the geniality and friendliness existing among its members. Father Corbett then addressed the party in a few well-chosen words and then called upon Father Driscoll, who made a bright and humorous little speech which elicited some hearty bursts of applause from all those present. Mr. J. Frank Daye favored the company with one of his many songs, after which came a little intermission, and a more substantial form of entertainment was given in the way of cake, ice cream and lemonade. The programme was then concluded by a very touching song by Mr. Hugh Brown, another piano selection by the Misses McDonald, and a song from Mrs. Phelan, which was, as well, well sung. The party then proceeded to enjoy themselves according to each one's fancy, and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

Mr. Edward O'Callaghan having announced that his business would not permit of his continuing to act as president, Mr. J. A. Chisholm was nominated for the position, but he also declined and moved that the Rev. Father Campbell be appointed. The reverend gentleman being in the chair was placed somewhat at a disadvantage, and his objection to accepting the honor was overruled by an unanimous vote. Messrs. J. Frank Daye, Hugh Brown, R. MacEachan, W. R. Fairman and the others who assisted at the last entertainment given by the Club were made honorary members.

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