

**THE CATHOLIC CONGRESS.**

**A FINE PROGRAMME.**

The arrangements for the coming Catholic Congress in Chicago are now practically complete. The daily sessions will be held in the Memorial Art Palace, Michigan avenue, commencing Monday, Sept. 4th, at 11 o'clock.

The delegates will first assist at the Solemn High Mass for the Congress in the Cathedral of the Holy Name at 9 o'clock. As soon as the preliminary organization shall have been effected, the papers prepared for the Congress will be in the following order as nearly as can now be determined, viz: First Session.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.**

1. Columbus, His Mission and Character.
2. Results and Consequences of the Discovery of the New World.
3. Missionary Work of the Church in the United States.
4. Influence of the Church on the Social, Civil and Political Institutions of the United States.

Evening Session—Addresses by distinguished speakers in Columbus and Washington Halls, Art Palace.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.**

10 A. M.—Permanent organization. Address of Welcome.

1. Isabella, the Catholic.
2. Woman's Work in the World.
2. Woman's Work in Art.
4. Woman's Work in Literature.
5. Woman in Her Own Field.
6. Woman in the Middle Ages.
7. Woman's Work in Temperance Reform.

Evening:—Grand reception and reunion in the Memorial Art Palace.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.**

Order of papers on the "Social Question."

1. The Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII. on "The Condition of Labor." Address, Rt. Rev. John A. Watterson, Columbus, O.
- Paper, Hon. H. C. Semple, Montgomery, Ala.
2. "The Rights of Labor: The Duties of Capital." (Three papers; different phrases of the subject.)
3. Poverty: the True Remedy, etc. (Two papers.)
4. Public and Private Charities. (Four papers.)
5. Workingmen's Organizations and Societies for Young Men. (Three papers.)

Evening Session.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

10 A. M.—Congress meets. Reports from officers and committees.

Papers on "Social Question" (continued):

6. Temperance. (Two papers.)
7. Life Insurance and Pension Funds for Wagerworkers. (Two papers.)
8. Trade Combinations and Strikes.
9. Immigration and Colonization. (Four papers.)
10. Condition and Future of the Indian tribes in the United States. Rt. Rev. James McGoldrick.
11. Condition and Future of the Negro Race in the United States. (Two papers.)

Evening Session:—NOTE—The titles of the separate papers with the name of the writer will be printed in the programme now in course of preparation.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.**

10 A. M.—Reports from committees and sections.

Papers on "Catholic Education in the United States."

1. The Needs of Catholic Higher Education. Rt. Rev. Bishop Keane, Catholic University.
2. The Needs of Catholic Colleges. Maurice Francis Egan LL.D., University of Notre Dame.
3. The Catholic School System. Bro. Azarias, Manhattan College.
4. Catholic High Schools. Rev. John T. Murphy, Holy Ghost College, Pittsburgh.
5. Alumne Associations in Convent Schools. Elizabeth A. Cronyn, Buffalo, N. Y.

Supplementary papers:

6. The Independence of the Holy See. Hon. Martin F. Morris, Washington, D. C.
7. The Work of the Catholic Truth Society. W. F. Markoe, St. Paul, Minn.

Evening Session.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.**

10 A. M.—Final Session (unless concluded Friday evening.)

In order to assure the better and more

careful consideration of the different subjects it is planned that, according as the several papers shall be read in the Congress, each will be referred to the appropriate section or committee. These sections will meet at an appointed time each day in separate halls or assembly rooms in the Art Palace set apart for that purpose.

The discussions will be carried on where all interested can take part. It is proposed that one of the vice-presidents of the Congress shall preside over each section, and through this chairman the action taken in this section and the conclusions reached will be duly reported to the general body.

Delegates will receive their credentials to the Congress from the Archbishop or Bishops of the respective diocese or Vicariates. Delegates from Catholic Colleges and Seminaries for young men will receive credential cards signed by the President of the College or Seminary.

Notice of the appointments made in the full list of delegates, giving address of each, should be transmitted as early as practicable to the Secretary of the Committee of Organization, Chicago.

It will be of special interest to Catholics to learn that arrangements have also been made for holding in Chicago during the Congress week, National Conventions of

The Catholic Young Mens' Union.  
The German Catholic Young Mens' Societies.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.  
Congress of Colored Catholics.  
Meeting of the Catholic Press.

Reunion of the former students of the American Louvain College.

Separate halls and committee rooms will be assigned to those various organization and bodies in the Memorial Art Palace, which contains besides two very large halls, no less than forty minor assembly rooms varying in capacity.

There will thus be brought together the same week under one roof the representative laymen of the United States and the chief Catholic organizations. It will assuredly be a week of great Catholic interest.

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**WEST INDIES**

Silver Jubilee of the Dominican Nuns in Trinidad. The Celebration at the Cocorite Leper Asylum.

This year, on March 27th, the Dominican Nuns, of the Congregation of St. Catherine of Sienna, had been twenty five years established in Trinidad, their connection with the charitable wants of the population, having increased to such an extent during that period, that, were they to leave Trinidad to-morrow, an immense void would be created in our social system. The celebration of the Silver Jubilee of these zealous and devoted Sisters was, on account of the exact date of their first arrival in Trinidad falling in Holy week, postponed to Wednesday last, the 12th inst. And, as was to be expected from the self-effacement of the Sisters, the *fete* of the occasion originated from outside their peaceful communities, and was a tribute of the admiration and esteem of the public of the colony for their heroic and devoted services, mellowed in the popular mind with time, and finding a fitting opportunity for formal display in the Silver Jubilee of their arrival.

On the day in question Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the asylum chapel by the Very Rev. Father Ambroise Labore, Provincial of the Dominican Province of Lyons.

At the subsequent *dejeuner*, Count de Verteuil, in an historical sketch, recalled the steps taken by Governor Sir Arthur Gordon to introduce the Sisters in Trinidad, and expatiated next on the greatness and constancy of the sacrifice made by the Sisters in coming out to Trinidad and engaging in their devoted labours in our midst, which had won for them universal sympathy and esteem.

The Very Rev. Father Provincial, in replying for the Sisters, paid a tribute of praise to the personal services rendered by Count de Verteuil to the Sisters; and another warm and deserved tribute of praise to Drs. Rake and Koch, "whose zeal and kindness," he said, "the Sisters are never tired of praising, when they speak of these gentlemen." The Very Rev. Father added that he felt a special affection for medical men, for he was himself the son of a physician.

Dr. Rake, with a delicacy and tact which was much appreciated by the

French element of the company, made a neat speech in French, in reply. He said that the Sisters made the work of the Medical Superintendent easy with the patients, and, referring to Father Damien, he stated his ministry among lepers had been less long, and his contact with the disease less close, than that of the Sisters here.

Before coming to the more public part of the fete, which came off in the afternoon, we may mention that the day before the lepers themselves had organized a demonstration of their own in honor of Rev. Mother Marie Augustin, Sub-Prioress of the Cocorite community, who is the sole survivor of that heroic band who landed in the island on the 27th March, 1868, and took charge of the Asylum, and nine of whom were carried off the next year in the yellow fever epidemic. The worthy Nun who has been the Dispenser of the institution from the beginning, has never once for the quarter of a century past taken leave of absence from the walls of the Asylum. It is even stated that she is averse to ever leaving her poor lepers; and the demonstration in her honour, consisting of an amateur entertainment and an address of congratulation and gratitude, can be understood on the part of those stricken outcasts, whose only external solace and source of cheerfulness are the care and charity of those devoted Nuns. —*Illustrated Catholic Missions.*

**ST. PETER'S DAY IN ROME.**

St. Peter's Day was celebrated in Rome, as usual, as a close holiday, and streams of people thronged to the great Basilica during the whole day. The inside of the Church was all draped with red and gold hangings, while the statue of the Saint was dressed in full Pontificals. Outside the principal doorway was suspended the Fisherman's net, all made of myrtle leaves. The high mass was celebrated in the morning by Cardinal Rieci Parracciavi, Archpriest of the Basilica, assisted by the Chapter. His Eminence also sang the Vespers in the evening. The striking scene, however, in the vast church was in the evening. At half-past eight, when the church was shut, the Holy Father entered it for the purpose of praying at the tomb of the Apostles. The great darkness of the church was only here and there by wax torches placed at equal distances along the aisles, while in the distance the oil lights that are always kept burning round the tomb under the confessional, seemed like hundreds of glittering diamonds. Quite a Rembrandt picture was represented, when at half-past eight there issued out of the Sacristy, surrounded by torchbearers, carrying lighted torches of wax, and accompanied by the Chapter of St. Peter's, Cardinal Rieci Parracciavi. He was to await the coming of the Pope. Shortly afterwards another torchlight procession made its way into the church through the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. It was the Pope. The great silence of the church was only broken by the tramp of the Swiss Guards, who headed the cortege. They were immediately followed by the different members of the Pontifical Court; Mgr. Della Volpe, Maggier-domo; Mgr. Caggiano, Master of ceremonies; and the Monsignori Biletti and Merry del Val, *Cameriers Particpants*. Next came the

*Portantina*, in which was the Pope, whose thin, pale face could just be seen by the light of the torches which preceded and followed the *Portantina*, on each side of which was, as usual, a Noble Guard with drawn sword. The Holy Father descended on foot the steps which led down to the tomb, before the altar of which was placed a rich *preidieu*. With the usual ceremony he blessed the sacred Palliums, which were afterwards enclosed in the valuable casket kept for the purpose and placed on the tomb. The Rosary was then said, while the responses of those present, amongst which was clearly heard the voice of the Pope, echoed through the edifice. His Holiness, after this, remained for a long time kneeling in prayer, his face buried in his hands. It was ten o'clock when he rose, and then the procession formed again, the Pope walking. Arriving at the statue of St. Peter he kissed the foot and bowed his head on it in the usual act of submission. At half-past ten the Holy Father returned to his apartments by the same private way as he came, which communicates with the Capella del Sacramento. —(London Tablet, July 8th, 1893.)

**RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.**

At the Chapel of the Sister's of Providence.

A religious profession was held in the Chapel of the Sisters of Providence, Thursday morning, the Rev. Abbe Louis Colin, Superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice presiding. The Rev. gentleman also delivered the sermon. The following are the new nuns with their names in religion:

Mesdemoiselles A. Josephine Patenand dite Sr. Joseph des Anges, St. Anges; M. A. Josephine Parent dite Sr. Fridolin, Winoski, Vt.; M. Hermine Girouard; dite Sr. Anatole, St. Francois de la Beauce; M. Delia Mercure dite Sr. Euloge, St. Barthelemi; M. Louis Girard dit Sr. l'Assomption St. de Matha; M. Dezier dite Sr. Armelle, Ste. Ursule; M. A. Eliana Legros dite Sr. M. Honore, Coteau du Luc; M. Lise Madeleine Saucier dite Sr. Augustine, Lanoraie; M. Delia Valois dit Sr. M. Abel, St. Barthelemi; M. S. Emma Clermont dite Sr. Alphee, Louisville; M. Amanda Coutu dite Sr. Ephigenie, St. Thomas de Joliette; M. E. Corine Gelinas dite Sr. Isaac, Yamachiche; Cara Bellevau dite Sr. Jean Charles, Drummondville; M. Emma Goyette dite Sr. M. Evangeliste, St. Joseph d'Ely; M. Louise Forest dite Sr. Richard, St. Wenceslas; M. C. Crepeau dite Sr. M. Benigue, St. Vincent de Paul; M. Anne Crepeau dite Sr. Claire d'Assie, Mascouche; M. Louise Melancon dite Sr. Cassien, St. Jacques l'Achigan; Aurore Couchee dite Sr. Valemant, Drummondville; M. Louise Beland dite Sr. Gerald, Ste. Ursule; M. Amanda Coutu dite Sr. Marie de l'Ascension, Montreal; M. Louise Albina Sylvestre dite Sr. Hermine, Woonsocket, R.I.; M. Elvina Michaud dite Sr. Joseph de Jesus, Kamouraska; M. Vitaline Dudemaine dite Sister M. Anastase, Richmond; M. Delphine Rochon dite Sister Andre de la Croix, St. Raymond; Elizabeth Nolin dite Sr. Genevieve, Stanbridge; M. Louise Desrosiers dite Sr. Anesie, Ste. Elizabeth; M. Alexina Champagne dite Sr. Crescent, St. Thomas de Joliette; M. Malvina Beaudry dite Sr. Georgie Weedon. Ten of these young nuns left last evening for the Missions of Oregon.

Death of the Superior of the Redemptorists.

News has been received in this city of the death of the Superior-General of the Redemptorists, Father Mauron, which occurred in Rome a week ago, Friday last. He was born in Freiburg, Switzerland, in 1818, and was nominated general of the order in 1855. He was a very learned man and a last friend of His Holiness Pope Pius IX. Father Baus had been appointed administrator until the election of a successor, which will take place within six months. The Redemptorists in connection with St. Ann's parish in this city will hold a memorial service, but the date has not been fixed.

The Francois A. Drexel mansion, near Bristol, is being changed into a Catholic Church.

Commissioner of Immigration Senner has decided to require the consignees of the Red Sea, a tramp steamer which is bringing 800 immigrants from Bremen, to give bonds for \$10,000.

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