

HOLY FATHER RECEIVES
METHODIST MINISTER
RECTOR OF CHURCH IN DUBUQUE
GREATLY IMPRESSED BY
POPE'S PERSONALITY

"I confess that I was somewhat surprised in view of the incidents concerning the Vatican and the Methodists in Rome, to receive an invitation from Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American College in the Eternal City, to attend a 'papal function,' said the Rev. Dr. Atkinson, rector of St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal church of Dubuque, who has just returned from a tour abroad.

"Through the courtesy of Archbishop Keane, I had a letter of introduction to Monsignor Kennedy, who, when I presented the letter, assured me that he would use his best offices to secure to me an opportunity to attend a public audience with the Pope in the Vatican.

"In good time, Monsignor Kennedy brought word that I would be welcomed. I considered it an honor and an opportunity of special privilege.

"The Pontiff is a man of striking beauty of countenance. His face shows a surpassing strength of character and his snow white hair, combined with the gentle goodness of his countenance, gives him a most benign appearance. I had never heard that the Holy Father was an orator, but such he is, and one of great power and eloquence. The occasion on which I saw him was one set aside for him to meet a number of dignitaries of the church in regard to the canonization of three saints. They presented their orations in Latin and the Holy Father arose and for twenty minutes spoke in Italian, with great style of oratory, and with a rare grace of gesture. His voice is mellow and rich and his manner of speaking most fascinating. He smiles so pleasantly and spoke so disinterestedly that he seemed indeed a father to his people.

"I was interested in seeing him not only because he is the Pope, but because he is an international figure of prominence and one whom I consider to be worthy of the respect of all men.

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THE AMERICAN PRESS AND
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"REPUBLIC"

The newspapers of the United States are at last waking up to the fact that the Portuguese Republic is a very poor imitation of a government of the people, by the people and for the people. At the first accounts of a revolution in Portugal, nearly all our esteemed daily contemporaries went into spasms of delight; they printed without bothering as to the truth of them the carefully cooked dispatches from Lisbon; they swallowed the stories of Jesuit bombarding, Jesuit poisoning, Jesuit assassination and Jesuit wickedness in general; they took the word of Braga and his followers that the revolt was the protest of austere moral patriots against the reign of monarchism and ecclesiastical iniquity and inefficiency; and some of them were quite disappointed because the United States Government did not at once hasten to recognize formally the new sister republic of Portugal.

A reaction against all this mistaken sentiment toward the Portuguese revolutionists has set in, we are glad to say, among respectable American journals. They are beginning to estimate at their true worth, or worthlessness, the doctrinaires who are posing as the leaders of the Portuguese people. They are recognizing the folly of which they have been guilty in accepting Portugal as a real republic. And they are printing editorials that differ somewhat in tone from those which appeared when the revolution was first reported. Now they are recognizing and admitting that the crowd who have obtained control in Portugal are openly indifferent to the form of government, provided they are allowed to grasp the spoils. The new attitude of American papers towards the Portuguese revolutionists is well shown in an editorial in last Sunday's Boston Herald which says:

"Despite a rigorous censorship, the reports indicate that the new government has been unable to fulfil the pretensions promised. It has no real power. The working people were made to believe that they would all become rich by government favor, but now find themselves as badly off as they were before the revolution. They are dissatisfied with the new government which they were with the old. Insurrection in the army and the navy, encouraged to depose the King, is now directed against the party in power and, as was to be expected, discipline has been destroyed.

"The 'Establishers' used their political positions to enrich themselves at the expense of the country and secured immunity from justice by an arrangement with the opponents for rotation in office, permitting each corrupt party to have an opportunity for plunder; and it was ex-proemer Franco's attempt to rid the country of the 'Establishers' and their system of loot which led to the assassination of King Carlos and the expulsion of Franco from office. The indecency with which the politicians glorified the memory of the late king's assassin, after his suicide, by strewing flowers on his grave and offering his portrait for sale in the shop windows, gives an idea of the morals of the political class in power."

The Herald then goes on to say what Catholic papers have been reminding their secular contemporaries of since the first, namely:

"Any attempt to replace a monarchy by a republic is certain to meet the approval of well-meaning but uninformed persons all over the world, who fall to see the word 'Liberty' which Senator Hoar well described as 'obedience to law,' is often used as a refuge of scoundrels. Senator Braga, the new President, is described as a philosopher, poet, romancer, historian and statistician; a sensualist with an overdeveloped propensity to shed tears at the slightest provocation. The London correspondents, when their uncensored reports finally reached the public, were practically a unit in describing him as a more dreary set-up as figurehead until the stronger and more practical men behind him would depose him.

"Whether the provisional government continues until free elections proposed to be held next spring or not, it is doomed eventually to failure, because it is built on sand. The correspondent of the Westminster Gazette describes the new regime as 'a Central Government of the worst type, established in Europe.' It may be that in the fulness of time a change in government may be brought about in Portugal that will bring order out of chaos, give a stricken and abused people the form of government and industrial opportunities they need; but the present so-called Republic based on murder and greed will sooner or later be shot into the plumbless depths of the past, to mingle with the other lost opportunities."

estimated contemporary has at last struck the truth. "A so-called republic based on murder and greed" will do as a lasting definition for the present political system in Portugal.—S. H. Review.

only we would offer them up, in ready glad obedience, to our all-wise Master, confident that He will make them all work together for good to them that love Him! Let us make the earnest resolve to cease from complaints, querulosity, and dreary moaning; and let us determine, with God's help, to remember that His sunshine is there behind the most sombre cloud, that the darkest hour is just before the dawning; that the gloom and the pain and the heartache are for time's brief day only, but the joy, the sunshine, the reward, the glory are for life eternal that shall never fade or end.

"It is a season of sorrow will cease forever, and tears shall be wiped away, only outside of heaven can we give to God the glory of bearing our cross for Him, and of uniting our wills to His will no matter how contrary to our plans and wishes His will may be. Though He should slay us, still let us trust in Him, crying out, in loving adoration: 'Not my will, but Thine be done.' Even if we are debarred church privileges for a time, and spiritual consolations, and sacramental joys, through illness or some other cause, let us say with one of our Lord's holy and happy servants, who practiced, in a marked degree, abandonment to His holy will:

O Jesus, whose face is the sole beauty that ravishes me, I may not behold here upon earth the sweetness of Thy glance, nor feel the ineffable tenderness of Thy kiss. Therefore I consent, but I pray Thee to imprint in me Thy Divine likeness, and I implore Thee to have the same me with Thy love that it may quickly consume me, and soon I may reach the vision of Thy glorious face in heaven!—Sacred Heart Review.

DEATH OF FATHER M'KEANY
PASTOR OF CHURCH FOR
THIRTY-ONE YEARS

Rev. Bartholomew McKeany, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Catholic church in Bondsville, died at his home Sunday, Dec. 17, after an illness which had extended over a long time; he had been seriously sick for about five weeks.

Father McKeany was born in Ireland seventy-three years ago, he received his early education in his native country and later in America. He was ordained in Montreal and was first stationed in New Brunswick, but later came to Massachusetts and the Springfield diocese. His first station was at Blackstone, then Milford and afterward Hinsdale; he came to Bondsville in 1879. The parish, which had then been organized only the year before, and he at once began the erection of a church, which was given his name. In this building he conducted services for thirty-one years until his death. The parish was originally much larger than now, other parishes having been taken from it from time to time. During his long pastorate Father McKeany, worked hard for the welfare and comfort of his people, by whom he was dearly loved.

Father McKeany was much of a student, especially in mathematics and astronomy, the latter sciences being his favorite, and in his home were such facilities for the study as he could make use of. Interesting observations along this line were made by him in Egypt a few years ago, during one of his regular trips abroad, taken in order to improve his health. His was a nature which it was indeed a pleasure to know intimately, although few were given this privilege.

Quiet, unobtrusive, going about his duties in the parish with an even, untroubled manner, he won many friends in the community among those not of religion.

The funeral was held from the church Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and was attended by a unusually large number, both of townspeople and visiting priests. There was a solemn and reverent requiem high Mass, with these officers: Celebrant, Right Rev. Bishop Thomas D. Beavan, D. D., of Springfield; assistant pastor, Rev. J. J. Leonard, of Bondsville; concelebrator, Rev. James Donoghue of Worcester; the eulogy was presided by Rev. William E. Foley of Hinsdale. Burial was in the priests' lot in St. Thomas' cemetery.

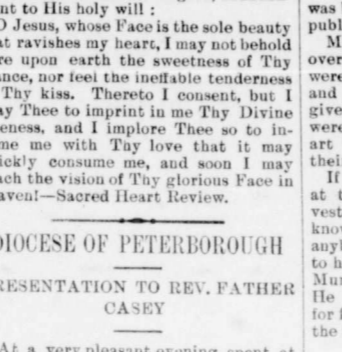
A HEAVEN ON EARTH

Whatever may or may not come to us in this New Year, of one thing we are sure,—that the cross will come. Trial, tribulation, affliction, sickness, or bereavement, or the thwarting of our plans and wishes; pecuniary difficulties, these may be ours. Even in things that we planned in some form, must be our portion. Disappointment, or sickness, or bereavement, or the thwarting of our plans and wishes; pecuniary difficulties, these may be ours. Even in things that we planned in some form, must be our portion. Disappointment, or sickness, or bereavement, or the thwarting of our plans and wishes; pecuniary difficulties, these may be ours. Even in things that we planned in some form, must be our portion.

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was brought out and spread upon the published notes.

Mr. Murphy's enquiry was spread over months. Dozens of bureau officials were put into a veritable "sweat box," and not only was every opportunity given to them to talk freely, but they were made to talk by one trained in the art of compelling witnesses to turn their minds inside out.

If there is any phase of the situation that Mr. Murphy would like to know more than any other man, if anybody has any suggestion to make as to how other facts can be obtained, Mr. Murphy is the man who will welcome it. He has shown that he cares neither for friend nor foe so long as he gets at the truth.—Ottawa Free Press.

THE CHURCH IN HISTORY

The Literary Digest recently contained an appreciative review of the Catholic Encyclopedia and incidentally reviews from its pages the value of the Catholic Church as a factor in civilized history. It says among other things: "Nearly two thousand years have passed since Christianity came into being. During three-fourths of that period Protestantism was an unknown and nonexistent institution. Except for the Greek Church, Christianity and Catholicism for 1,500 years, were one and the same institution and the only religious institution in Europe."

What civilization owes to the Catholic Church can never be rightly told, for it is so vast in its extent and so eternal in its results that no one person could accomplish the task of telling it. Not to speak of the sublime spiritual elevation which followed its introduction into the world, it has poured out the treasury of its benefits without stint. It found slavery almost universal; it emancipated man and made the institution of slavery criminal. It found woman in a condition often of full slavery, and set her always in a state of semi-slavery.

The Church lifted her up to a position of equality, made her not the slave, but the helper of her husband, as high in her own sphere as man in his. She found labor degraded, the work of the slave. She pictured her divine Founder in the workshop of Joseph. His foster-father, and labor became thus transfigured and noble. Here in the art of the world from the rude designs of the Catacombs to the glories of Michel Angelo and Raphael. Here the literature, the music, the law, the science, and the government.

There is not an avenue of human progress that has not been built by her, and though modern vandals may have wrested these pathways from her keeping they still can find no inspiration that does not arise out of her handiwork, or that does not repeat her own enterprises. Even in modern days, in spite of all the obstacles that lie in her way, she

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stands in the forefront of all material progress. Her children are among the first in every field of human endeavor, with such names as Madame Curie, Pasteur, Lavoisier, Leverrier, Secchi, Laennece and the rest lighting up the last structures of human science. She is depreciated only by those who know neither her nor her history; to those who know her she is indeed, after Christ, the most important fact in history.—Pilot.

No New Peers Needed

(Canadian Press Cable)
Dublin, Jan. 18.—John E. Redmond, was today unanimously re-elected president of the United Irish League, T. P. O'Connor, Jos. Devlin and Daniel Boyle, the Irish members of parliament who visited the United States and Canada last October for the purpose of arousing interest in the cause of Home Rule, were the guests of honor this evening at a banquet at the Mansion House, arranged as a compliment for the success of their mission across the sea. During the course of his speech Mr. Redmond declared that the veto power of the Lords would be abolished, before the coronation, without the creation of new peers.

He said that as long as the Liberals abided by their pledges on the veto and the Home Rule questions the Irish party would support them without regard to any minor issues, but he added, the smallest deviation would mean instant change in the party's attitude. He did not object to the Home Rule bill being so drafted as to fit with a larger plan.

THE CHURCH AND THE SALOON

The following question was recently submitted to the Very Rev. A. P. Doyle, C. P.: "Would you state why the priests are not allowed to urge the people to vote against the saloons when the Church proclaims that total abstinence is for the best?"

And this was Father Doyle's answer: "It is not true that priests are not allowed to urge the people to vote against the saloon. The fact of the matter is, the Church in the United States has very positively set herself over against the saloon by declaring in the Plenary Council in Baltimore, that it is an unbecoming business and urging Catholics to get out of the saloon business as soon as they can. A priest may not be willing to say anything in a heated political contest, in which the saloon is the question at issue, for reasons of local prudence. He does not want to bring politics into the pulpit. But there can never be any question about the opposition of the Catholic Church to the unregulated saloon, or general condemnation of the saloon business as a dangerous occupation, in the printed legislation of the Church. Moreover, in regard to the practice of total abstinence, the statement made by Cardinal Manning, that 'While temperance is good, total abstinence is better,' voices the sentiment of the Catholic Church. The Church in the United States has a total abstainer. He was a Nazarene, and he came up from the desert not using 'any wine or strong drink,' and is, as he said of him that 'No man born of woman was greater.'"

The Missionary Viewpoint

Writing of Father Fraser, the Canadian missionary to China, and his work in that far country, Good Work says: "Of course, his parish is rather large. One hundred miles long and fifty miles wide, and there are no railroads, and the mountains are infested with bandits and the missionary is constantly on the move from one place to another, traveling on foot or by boat, but after all, says Father Fraser, St. John the Baptist was no Chinese mountain, with his robbers and its rocks, that risk my life every day upon your New York streets. Moreover, there are no railroads, and on cold nights I manage, usually, to get enough to eat, so where are the hardships. There is much in the point of view, and we may say, in the spirit that is willing to endure for Christ."

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