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CULATE CONCEPTION

The Close of the Congress and the guage and that of Spain. Mass in St. Peter's

Rome, Dec. 9 .- The morning of Saturday, 3rd December, beheld a greater crowd than on any former day assisting at this Congress which, as M was approaching its close, was numerously attended. sculptor, Commendatore Aureli, whose colossal statue of St. John Baptist de la Salle has revently been erected in St. Peter's, and whose exquisite Statue of St Cecilia, placed in the richly-decorated Chapel of the Crypt of St. Cecilia's Church in Trastavere, opened the proceedings a brief and eloquent discourse 'Mary the ineffable inspiration Mary, he said, is the glory the Church, of civil society, and of the country; of the Roman Church, which defended the beauty of the countenance of Mary against those Greek writers who maintained her lack of beauty; thereby saving hele, rendered by Mgr. Muller's boys' all the future and the progress of Christian Art; of civil society and the country, because in them, through Mary, there sprung up so many geniuses and such works, that they will remain as examples of civilization, of piety and of beauty, even to future Aureli quoted Pasquale Vi ari, the well-known historian, who says that at the present time the culture of the artist is destroyed by the society which surrounds him; he gooted Massarani, who says that the artists have no longer an object.

In such present aberration and ineptitude, in this lack of a high ideal, we Catholics, continued the speaker, ma of the Immaculate Conception may advance courageously, and freely declare that with our philosophy and with our faith we find again in God and in Mary, as in the centuries past so in those of the future, and at all times, that virtue of pure ideality which raises the heart and the poetic fire of the artist. And it is in the fascination of the supernatural and with the intellectual light full of love-Mary Immaculate-concludes Aureli, that we may return to take up again the traditional progress of and to re-open thus our

a precise life, an endowing convic-

tion; he also quoted Adolfo Ven-

turi-the noted art critic-who, in

treating of the painter, Guercine,

exclaimed that in order to revive art

it is fit that we should return to the

men of the 15th century, who had a

clear and definite sentiment and

profound faith.

sand triumphal path of the future. The editor of the "Kolnische Volks reitung," Dr. Philip Huppert, treat-"Cologne and the Tradition of the Immaculate." Duns Scotus, who buried at Cologne, was, he said, the first defender of the Immaculate, and from that it happened that at Cologne from his time onward the Immaculate was venerated with special devotion. The University asked of all its members the oath to defend the Immaculate and the Cathedral Chapter had for a long time a star with the inscription: "Maria sine labe concepta." Besides a convent of the Immaculate existed from the 16th century, as also a confraternity in a church of the Franciscan Fath-Thus the dogma of 1854 was nothing new for the diocese of Colenge, which celebrated its publication with great solemnities, both in the city and in the vicinity. They are also making great preparations for the Jubilee. Faithful to the traditions of his predecessors. Cardinal Fischer (who was present here) is about to erect a church as an eternal monument in honor of the Madonna. That church will prove, "in aeterthat Cologne of the 20th century in its love to the Most Holy Virgin is equal to the Cologne of the 14th century. Cologne was and is as "Romanae Ecclesiae fidelis filia,

The Most Rev. Monsignor Joseph Monte de Oca, Bishop of St. Louis, Potosi, in Mexico - who has come from his distant diocese expressly to Rome to take part in these celebrations-began his discourse in Italian and continued it in Spanish, and might as readily have spoken it in English, which he speaks with rare purity for a foreigner, or in French, or, perhaps, in other tongues. spoke so clearly and so slowly that some to whom the Spanish tongue

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so it is "fidelis filia B.M.V."

JUBILEE OF THE IMMA- is a language of the eye rather than the ear, had little or no difficulty in following the meaning of his glowing sentences; and even Italians could comprehend the strange closeness existing between their own lan-

> Other speakers followed-amongst them Dr. Gisbert Brom, President of the Dutch Historical Institute, who whilst he asked pardon-he a Hollander-for attempting to-speak, and therefore to maltreat, the sweet language of Dante and Petrarch, surprised the assembly by the absolute mastery he showed of Italian. He spoke of the devotion to the Immaculate Conception in Holland, where, after 50 years, this devotion has become an inalienable element of religious practice.

Sunday morning was occupied with the reading of reports of the work achieved by the Congress, and by a relation of the practical proposals which were formulated as modes of future action. A considerable number of Cardinals assisted at this closing session, which ended with the singing of two prayers in Latin to light which then penetrated the winthe Blessed Virgin, composed by Leo XIII. and set to music by Seg-

Sunday afternoon, at half-past 3, the Sovereign Pontiff gave audience in St. Peter's to the members of the Marian Congress. Cardinal Vincenzo ly than electric light the vast nave Vannutelli delivered the address, and ol the church. At the windows look-the Pontiff received the members of ing into the church from the Hall of the Committee. Then the circlet of Canonization above the vestibule, the twelve stars, formed of diamonds and brilliants, "lued at £6,000, and contribute, by the whole Catholic world, which was on exhibition at mounted by a white silk canopy held the Lateran, was brought here and up by eight poles borne by as many presented to the Pontifi to bless, and Monsignors, the sound of the silver by him consigned to those who will trumpets filled the air, and the thouhold it until it is placed over the sands of people in the church seemed head of the Madonna in the picture to hold their breath to listen to the of the Immaculate Conception in the marvellously fascinating notes. There Canons' Chapel in St. Peter's. And was a notice on all the admission this was the ending of the very mem- cards that acclamation was forbidden; orable Marian Congress held in the and when the Pope entered an at-Church of the Twelve Apostles, of tempt of this sort was sternly supthe Minor Conventuals in Rome.

was a day to be remembered in a ly broken by that sweetest of all trispecial way by all those in Rome umphal marches played on the silver who had the good fortune to be pre- trumpets, the Papal procession moved sent at the celebrations in St. Peter's. onwards up the centre of the nave. Other churches in the Eternal City | At the entrance of the Canons' Chamay offer conditions better adapted pel the procession halted; and a numto private devotion, and to that ab- ber of Bishops and Cardinals entered sorption from outward influences re- the chapel. There, after the singing quired by profound devotion. It is of the "Tota pulchra" by the Sistine it does, within its walls a number ture of the Madonna-now crowned culate as not yet all told. There are of persons equal to the population of with the new circlet of diamond stars a good-sized own. And then, when the procession moved onward againg you think of what all these represent to the high altar, the Pontin plessing day in nationality and language your ap- to the right and the left as he was preciation of St. Peter's grows borne along. morning of the 8th, on one side of of the persons in it were of the highmy place-a seat beneath the statue est dignity. There were close upon of St. John Baptist de la Salle-was 170 Bishops here from many lands, a military man, who is an Irish land- among them the following Bishops lord, and near to him a lady and from Ireland: The Most Rev. Mgr. her handsome daughter from St. Louis, in the United States, on the other side a young man with a Galway, Right Rev. Mgr. Clancy, strong face and black hair was talk- Bishop of Elphin; Right Rev. Mgr ing Spanish to his young wife, with Henry O'Neill, Bishop of Dromore olive complexion and dark eyes and Right Rev. Mgr. Thomas O'Dea, Bishlively countenance. Here in front op of Clonfert; Right Rev. Thomas of me was a stolid family, slow in speech and calm in movement, whose Cork; Right Rev. Mgr. Lyster. language told their German nation- Bishop of Achonry; Right Rev. ality, and on the other side, nearer Mgr. Nicholas Donnelly, Titular Bishthe richly decorated wall, were some op of Canea, and Assistant Bishop of Irish Franciscan Friars and a few English priests. All people, of whatsoever nation they may be, pro-

home in St. Peter's. It was announced on the tickets of admission that the church would morning. But before the first faint streaks of dawn appeared in the East great crowd had gathered at the bronze doors of the church. There were about 1,200 troops at the disposal of the authorities to assist in keeping order outside the church; and before the hour appointed the doors had to be opened, for the crowd

was great. There were but few places vacant in the Division G when I reached St. Peter's at a quarter before eight. The line of carriages was, to my knowledge, about two miles in length. and I had to follow in the line at the Piazza Barberini. The cab-drivers made a harvest; their lowest price being four francs. Pilgrims, priests, students of the various colleges, friars, diplomats in their gold-laced coats, nuns in their whitelead dresses, and laity, men and women of many nations, pressed forward, some on foot, the majority in carriages, to of command to the Palatine Guard, the entrances of St. Peter's. It was keeping the passage between the door a dark, dull morning, yet the earliest arrivals were at the gates at six o'clock; and from that hour till eleven there was a constant stream of com-

The arrangements within were perfect. As you entered you were courteously directed to your special The great church was but dimly lighted; the electric lights in the soffits of the vaulted ceiling in the nave and aisles did not render the church particularly brilliant. But hy-and-bye the electric chandeliers in the apse and the great sheaves of rays, consisting of 15 large sheaves - each having five rays forming an arch around the painted transparency representing the Imma-

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lights in the church.

It was close upon half-past nine when the Pope entered the church. ly by the choir and the forty or the was arraved in a large white fifty bousand voices of the people, silk cope; on his head was a tiara, the jewels in which shone in the dows of the basilica. The dulness of the morning had continued until a few minutes before the Pope came; and then a shaft of sunlight, almost of summer brightness, shot from the window on one side to the wall on players of the silver trumpets were grouped; and as the Pope entered, seated on the sedia gestatoria, surpressed. The people, however, waved Yesterday, Thursday, 8th December their handkerchiefs in sign of rejoic--the 50th Anniversary of the Dog- ing; and amidst a silence that was almost oppressive, and which was on-

St. Peter's, however, that on such choir, under the direction of the

For example, here this The procession was long and many the Archdiocese of Dublin. There were seven Bishops from the United States of America, and several Bishvided they are Catholics, feel fully at ops from England and other coun-

tries. The following were the Cardinals pre-Their Eminences Cardinals be opened at half-past seven in the Oreglia di Santo Stefano, Sera-Vannutelli, Vincenzo Vannutelli, Agliardi, Satolli, Rampolla, Di Pietro Kopp, Gotti, Ferrata, Portanova, Casali del Drago, Cassetta. Sanminiatelli-Zabarella, Mathieu, Res-Kozielsko Puzyna, Bacillieri, Nocella, Cavicchioni, Aiuti, Taliani, Fischer, Merry del Val, Macchi, Steinhuber, Segna, Pierotti, Della Volpe, Vives

v Tuto, and Tripepi. Tierce was sung, and then the Pontiff began the celebration of Mass. by the choir of the Sistine Chapel. brielli, Maestro of the Basilica of The Credo was selected from record at its completion. trina, and the "Benedictus" was the composition of the Maestro Perosi. Before the Consecration the word and the high altar, was followed imand fall and finally die away upon at its termination. the air so gently that you cannot tell ! the exact second when they ceased

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culate Conception-were lighted, and to vibrate, cannot be adequately dea mellow radiance filled the whole scribed; and the impression they apse, and overpowered all the other make upon the listener is equally difficult to describe.

The "Te Deum," chanted alternatehad a grand effect. With all the sorrows of the last half century, and all the wrong wrought in that period to the Church, there is so much cause for rejoicing that no wonder a feeling and a force were rut into the utterances which found expression in this glorious Ambrosian hymn. was past one o'clock when the ceremonies were over. The Piazza of St. Peter presented a curious appearance, being almost wholly filled with people. Here Bishops in their robes went about seeking cabs; here ladies in their black veils and black silk dresses were distracted at lostheir friends. Carriages rataway, and in a short time the dark cloud of human beings that filled this vast square disappeared.

The illuminations, which in the more prominent parts of the city formed by electric lights, began at 5 o'clock. For many years there has not been seen so splendid and so general an illumination. The whole city, as seen from a height, was in a blaze. The designs on the facades of churches, colleges, and private houses were delightful in their The column of the Immaculate Conception in the Piazza di Spagna rose from amidst a grove of palms and shrubs, and the seated statues at its base and the colossal Madonna that crown its summit, were resplendent in the golden light light of many electric lamps. Half the people of the city wandered about from place to place, admiring in loud terms the beauty of the different illuminations

The story of the celebrations in hand on Sanday, and on Mon-

Knights of St John.

The regular meeting of Leo and Anthony Commandery No. 2, Knights of St. John, was held on Sunday, Dec. 18th, in St. Xincent's Hall, President J. Heffering in the chair. The attendance was good as usual, which is an evidence of the fact that ?he members are entrusted in the work and welfare of the Order. It is glso an honor and satisfaction to the capable and faithful officers to receive the support of the fraternity, as individual effort is what is required in every fraternal society. After the regular order of business the annual election of officers took place as fol-

President-Captain J. Heffering. First Vice-Pres., Jas. Kyte. Second Vice-Pres., Chas. Connors. Fin.-Secy.-J. Harnett. Rec.-Secy.-Jas. Allan. Treasurer-C. Millward. Sergt at-Arms-J. Lawless. Messenger-A. Belleau.

the officers who are elected to man- diture no man could charge wilful this city. pighi, Martinelli, Gennari, Boschi, de age its affairs. It is therefore immismanagement. The trouble was There never was such an opporten-Kozielsko Puzyna, Bacillieri, Nocella, portant that care should be exercised insufficient revenue. The only way ity as the present offers for Catholic ly faithful and loyal to the work- own rate of taxation. He did not Extreme measures are not so popular ings of the Order.

spective view would certainly not be the case of a Catholic tenant in a favor of gradual and steady progress without interest, as this year has Protestant owner's house. No Pro- as the best means of reducing the ad-The accompanying music was executed proved most successful. The number testant would stand for the increase, mittedly grave evils of intemperof additional members is also noteunder the direction of the Maestro worthy, but our chief concern is he introduced the ballot during his strong desire to welcome Catholic Perosi, and the Mass was that of Ga- with the present, as the advent of a term and it was defeated. He said co-operation. And there is no doubt new year has reached us and we have missionary work was necessary. A that such co-operation generously ex-Mark at Venice, who died in resolved to accomplish an excellent school trustee from No. 2 Ward said tended will redound greatly to the

the "Missa Papae Marcelli" of Pales. An earnest and hearty co-operation due to a little clique in No. 4 and to the prestige of Catholics in is therefore desired in order that we Ward. Once you got the other wards this community. may meet with satisfactory results in line a motion to introduce the and reach the zenith of our ambi- ballot would easily carry. tion, and as we are a frate nal order we should not in our enthusiasm forget the interests of others, and mediately by the clash of steel on each member should make a special the marble pavement as the guard effort to work earnestly for the benelowered their swords, and then the fit and encouragement of others and sound of the silver trumpets-now for the increase of membership in in the come-floated like a heavenly our Order. The members of Leo and message above the heads of the kneel- Anthony No. 2 hope for a prosperous ing multitude. How the notes rise New Year and a satisfactory status

JOS. ALJAN, Recording Secretary.

THE SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

James J. O'Hearn Unamiously Elected in Ward 4.

The nominations for office for the vacancy in No. 4 Ward for Separate School Board were held on Wednesday, Dec. 28, in St. Patrick's School, William street. The following gentlemen were present: Rev. L. Minehan, Rev. Father Barrett, A. J. Cottam, Mr. Clothier, Mr. Finnegan, T. J. Cunerty, J. J. O'Hearn, Wm. Minton, Martin Dunphy, Samuel Dun-bar, John Hurst, Mr. Rae, Patrick Minton and William Kane.

Rev. L. Minehan, last nominated, spoke first. He advocated the placing of first-class laymen on the board. coupled with a few clergymen.

Mr. Dunbar called attention to the fact that at the last annual meeting a motion was passed instructing the representatives to take such steps as might be necessary in order to introduce the ballot in our Separate know who should run the schools if School Board elections. had been done. He wanted to know the reason why He wanted an account of the stewartship of the men for the past year, was it a fact that there was an indebtedness of \$37,000 against the Toronto School officer declared him elected as school Board. He said tost something should be done in connection with the High Schools. Why should our children not be allowed full excess to them *irrespective of separate high school, Mr. Dunbar declared.

Mr. J. J. O'Hearn said he was prepared to render an account of his stewardship. The whole management of the board was done through committees. He was on the sites and building committee. He confessed taking more interest in schools in wards 4 and 3. He remedied defects in the lighting of St. Patrick's, defects in the lavatories were remedied. deficient; this was remedied.

ter supply was in the school. The tion. remedied.

very bad. Referring to the financial since November, 1896, such a society statement he said it should be pub- has been est blished, by a charter obes were in occasions as this one feets the im- Maestro Perosi, and the Pope having mensity of the building, enclosing, as drawn the veil before the Mosaic picture of the Mosaic picture within its walls a number two of the Mosaic picture of the Mosaic pi other events yet to come-on to-mor- Board, men who are successful busi- at some times than at others, but it his statement re high schools.

the candidates in the different wards. its activity. In response to Mr. Hurst re the in-

died during the year.

were better carried out.

Father Minehan eulogized the present members for No. 4 Ward. No teach me a complete forgetfulness of reason that our schools, teachers and myself!" Shall we ever attain to trustees should not be as efficient as it? We must pray for that. those of any other.

Father Barrett closed the meeting and testified to the manner in which the trustees of School Board for No. 4 had carried out their duties. He said that finances should be cautiously handled. The only way to remedv these defects was to increase the

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Loyalty to the Archbishop was the ion on the ballot for instance should be taken without a question. Canadian ballot is useless, and until it is improved corrupt practices will prevail in the use of it. The ballot of the United States was a better one and elections were carried on with less political crimes. (A Voice-"How about the patent Yankee ballot-box?") He said that elections without the ballot were cleaner and instanced the case of certain constituencies demanding the exclusion of the ballot system. We would never live to see the introduction of the ballot. If people wished to criticize the bishop let them be men and go before him with their complaints instead of saying things behind his It did not behove either back. priest or layman to criticize higher ecclesiastical authority, and his voice would always be raised against such a scandal. He said that a school system where the priest had full control was the only system. The parochial system of the United States was superior to the Separate School

System of Canada. Father Minehan in reply wanted to Nothing not the people who pay the taxes The Separate School System of Canada is the best, and if properly carried out no fault could be found with it. All the nominees having retired except Mr. O'Hearn, the returning trustee for No. 4 Ward.

The Temperance Movement

To the Editor Catholic Register:

Sir,-A mistake might easily arise from the excellent report in a recent issue of your paper, about a new temperance and literary movement in Toronto. This movement is new in a sense, namely, that those interested in it wish to give wider scope to its activities. It is not new in the In St. Peter's the water supply was sense of being called into existence for the first time. Anyone having In St. Basil's, which was found in old copies of The Catholic Almanac a disgraceful condition, 300 children which was distributed monthly some were found in 4 c. ass-rooms. No wa- years ago, will find the existence of a society with precisely the aims and closets were in a very filthy condi- objects of the present Catholic Tem-Both of these defects were perance and Debating Union of Toronto, duly chronicled and its time The ventilation in the schools is and place of meeting recorded. Indeed very tained from Guelph on ar

good men were necessary on the That society has been more active ness men. If he was not agreeable has never been disbanded. The pre-to the electors he did not seek re-eight sent movement is a revival of its He corrected Mr. Dunbar in work and follows the same lines, namely, Catholic teaching regarding Mr. O'Hearn, in answer to Mr. temperance. The came 'Catholic Dunphy, said he was in favor of the Temperance and Literary Union" was ballot. He said the only way to suggested for the purpose of emintroduce the ballot was to pledge phasizing the educational features of

At no time was the membership troduction of Irish History, he said limited to any particular district. the educational department had that Indeed this is true of all our Cathoin hand. He was in favor of it. lic societies. Members from all quar-Mr. Cottam said that in reference ters of the city often meet in the to the introduction of the ballot cer- same hall. And it would be a distain sure steps should be taken; tinct advantage if reunions would be there was no use of going up against held now and again in some central a stone wall. The best way was to location. The system of branch bide our time. Mr. Cottam paid a meetings has undeniable advantages. glowing tribute to Mr. John O'- It stimulates local activity and en-Leary, the late returning officer, who ables members to meet without having to go far from their homes. But As regards caretakers changes had there is no doubt that it also has its been made for the better. Repairs disadvantages. It has a tendency to narrowness, to uninteresting meet-Mr. Rae, as the seconder of Mr. ings, to apathy. All this would be O Hearn, said he had followed Mr. counteracted by reunions in which the O'Hearn's record on the board. The best men of all branches would be Toronto newspapers did not report pitted against one another in friendin detail the meetings of the Board, ly rivalry and broad questions of and he had to get his information policy discussed. The absence of from personal observations which he such reunions is in a great measure As we all know the success of the did and he found Mr. O'Hearn to at the root of the unprogressive con-Order depends to a large extent upon be an A-1 man. As regards expendition of some of our associations in

in selecting those who prove especial- to remedy things was to levy our activity on the lines of temperance. see any other way out of it. There or so bitterly advocated as they As the year 1904 closes, a retro- were difficulties in the way, viz., in were. There is a general feeling in As regards the ballot he said that ance. There is at the same time a that the agitation for the ballot was advancement of sane temperance ideas

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