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Dawn of a New Pontification

Rome, Sept. 22.—Pius X., that soul of crystal, is revealing the beauty of his character and the firmness of his mind. Hearts that are extremely good are strong hearts. "One must be infinitely intelligent to be wholly good," said Mme. Swetchine. His face, his beginnings, his education in supernatural things, his commerce with men and his experience of affairs have elevated the soul of the Holy Father to an extraordinary perception of things. His love for the humble and for workingmen fills him with pity and inexhaustible benevolence, but experience and the spirit of government protect his exquisite urbanity by an active and often inflexible energy. When he has made up his mind it is once for all.

At Venice the Difesa refused to support the alliance of conservatives and liberals with the Patriarch, Cardinal Sarto, had taken under his protection. "You must fall into line," he said to Father Zocchi. "I cannot." "Wish it," "then allow us to disappear." "The Difesa must go on." "In that case I resign as editor." "You must remain at your post."

From the very beginning Pius X. met with dissensions which increased his fear of power and his regrets at leaving Venice. Weary with the duty of commanding, which he never loved, Cardinal Rampolla declined the honor and the crushing weight of the Secretaryship of State, that mystic and pure spirit cared no longer to deal with human failings. And as everybody is sure that, in spite of the martyrdom to which he has been subjected, the policy of the Cardinal will be continued, nobody has dared to take the helm. This desertion has saddened Pius X. "After having placed me here," he said, "all abandon me." But as he is an optimist and a man of initiative he soon decided what he would do. He would be his own Secretary of State, as Leo XIII. was until Cardinal Rampolla came into office. So Mgr. Merry del Val retains the place.

This Spaniard, son of a Castilian lady and an Irishman, born in London, enjoyed the intimate friendship of Cardinal Rampolla and the love of Leo XIII. He keeps up the policy of both. Once, when Leo XIII. had lost an assistant, he summoned Mgr. Merry del Val and said to him: "I mourn for a friend, but you shall take his place." Evil tongues in Rome call the new reign a government of novices, but Pius X. will imitate Sixtus V. and will acquire easily the supreme command.

His first acts show at once his personal character and his intention of continuing to develop the pontificate of Leo XIII. "Expect nothing new from me." He is jealous of his authority. Some imprudent journalists and wrong headed persons started a campaign in favor of the abolition of the non expedit. The Pope was told: "You must advance." The desire for a change has come over a great many Catholics—even upon some of the Guelphs and the Christian Democrats. "We have a definite socialist programme," they say to themselves; "the people follow us, but unless we carry our popular ideals into parliament and into legislation it is all a waste of effort."

Pius X. did not like this invasion of his prerogative. With immediate decision and rare firmness he declared that the press had no orders to give, nor policy to force upon the Papacy. The Holy Father, who has seen close at hand the real facts of the national agitation, knows that the participation of Catholics in parliamentary affairs would not modify the situation in their favor, but, on the contrary, would strengthen the dynasty, the throne and the mathematical

Historical Notes of the Emmet Centenary

Although the most patient search in the graveyards of Glasnevin, St. Michael's and St. Peter's, Dublin, has failed to locate the place of Emmet's burial, it is a matter of satisfaction that the late Dr. Madden succeeded in finding out the grave of Anne Devlin, "the faithful servant of Robert Emmet," who died in absolute poverty at No. 2 Little Elbow lane (a squalid alley running from the Coombe to Pimlico, containing four tenement houses) on September 18th, 1851, aged 70 years. This brave heroine was half hanged by the yeomen for refusing to tell the whereabouts of "Mr. Ellis" in Butterfield lane, and indignantly spurned the tempting bait of £500 for betraying her master offered by the notorious Major Sirr. Anne Devlin was in Kilmanham when Emmet was executed, and was treated most barbarously, as is attested by Mr. St. John Mason. For years she suffered untold tortures, and was at length turned adrift, homeless and friendless. Only one Good Samaritan—the late Father Meahan—occasionally assisted this poor creature from 1842 till her death. She now sleeps in Glasnevin, near the O'Connell plot.

Some of the Finest
Archbishop Farley, of New York, on Sunday last completed the changes in the pastorates of the New York diocese. The transfers have taken to the Cathedral the three tallest priests in the province, Father William B. Martin, the Rev. Thomas Murphy and the Rev. Dr. William J. Sinnott, all of whom tower over 6 feet 2. In addition to these are Father R. O. Hughes, 6 feet 1, and Father Dyer, only a quarter of an inch shorter.



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Kingston Knights of Columbus Les Debats, of Montreal Placed Under the Ban

The first meeting of the new Council of the Knights of Columbus, of Kingston, was held in the C.M.B.A. Hall, and was attended by a very large number of members, who were more than pleased with the great success that the Knights of Columbus were meeting with since they were instituted there only a few weeks ago.

The Council have chosen the name Frontenac in honor of the distinguished French founder of the old Limestone City, and has now a membership of over seventy-five.

After preliminary business was got through with the following officers were unanimously elected:
Grand Knight—T. J. Rigney.
Deputy Grand Knight—N. E. O'Connor.
Chancellor—Rev. Father M. McDonald.
Recorder—E. J. Keeney.
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Advocate—Wm. Cook.
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Inside Guard—Thomas Keeney.
Outside Guard—P. O'Connor.
Board of Trustees—Messrs. Frank Conway, Dr. Ryan and T. P. Thompson.

A committee composed of the following gentlemen were selected to look around and see where they could procure a suitable hall to be made the permanent headquarters and meeting place for the Knights hereafter: Knights T. J. Rigney, N. E. O'Connor, J. J. Behan, Dr. Ryan and A. Hanley.

Les Debats, of Montreal Placed Under the Ban

The following mandement, prohibiting all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Montreal, from reading or selling Les Debats, a French Sunday newspaper, was read on Sunday in all the Catholic churches of that city:

"In the month of January last, on our return from Rome, in the course of an address made to the faithful, assembled in our cathedral, we pronounced, with regard to one of the newspapers of Montreal, the following words, that the 'Semaire Religieuse' published:

"This paper, that I do not wish yet to name, is doing an evil work; it insults, bishops, priests and citizens, the most worthy of respect, and objects the most sacred. This paper is the panegyrist of condemnable literary works; the panegyrist of a French writer recently dead, whose name cannot even be pronounced from a Christian pulpit, nor his works admitted in the midst. I shall not say of Catholics, but even of honest and respectable people. I have already given to the directors of this sheet a charitable and paternal warning. I also give them this one, which to me also seems charitable. But, however benevolent may be my disposition, however strong may be my love of peace, and my disinclination to deal harshly, I shall, however, be obliged, if the situation does not improve, to act energetically and with severity. I am a bishop, I am a pastor, and God will demand of me an account of your souls.

"The newspaper to which we made allusion is Les Debats.

with regard to Les Debats, all means of charity and kindness. However, to our great regret we have noticed no improvement. The evil work has been continued with perhaps even more fullness.

"Regarding evolution, this paper has put forth doctrines, bordering on heresy, if they are not formally heretical; it has insulted in an ignominious manner the holy and venerated memory of Mgr. Ignace Bourget, even at the time when the diocese was preparing to erect to him a monument of homage, of admiration, and of thankfulness; it has insulted Pius IX., and has scoffed at the Syllabus. We cannot recall it all here. When recently we wrote to the Catholics of one of our dioceses, recalling to them certain laws for the sanctification of Sunday it found nothing better to do than to turn our letter into ridicule.

"In tolerating any longer such a newspaper, we should be lacking in one of the principal duties of a bishop and the people, whose keeping has been entrusted to us, would have the right to ask for protection. This duty, my dear brethren, we shall accomplish to-day, and we feel sure that all Christian families will be thankful to us for it.

"To convince ourselves that we are putting an end to legitimate fears, we have only to recollect the complexities of many good citizens of our city, and those heard recently in the country districts during our pastoral visits.

ADDRESSES PARENTS

"Fathers and mothers, you will leave at the hands of your children a poison that would cause their death? A bad book, a bad newspaper, are for the soul, as you know, fatal poison. We wish to preserve for all, and especially for the young so dear to us as they are easily exposed to danger—faith, good morals, religious practices, the love of the Church, and respect for its authority. For this reason we raised our voice recently against bad theatres, which are the cause of so many disorders, for this reason we have endeavored to stop the profanation of Sunday, for this reason we desire to stop the diffusion of those dangerous sheets capable of consigning irreparable injury to souls.

"Therefore, by virtue of our episcopal authority, and by virtue of the rules of the Index, we interdict to all the faithful of our diocese, the selling, buying, reading, or keep in their possession of the newspaper Les Debats.

"In this prohibition, we have in view, as you know, my dear brethren only your welfare, you will respect it then, as you have always respected the regulations and suggestions of your parish pastors.

"This mandement shall be read in all churches, where public services are celebrated, and at the chapter of all the religious communities, on the first Sunday following its inception.

"Given at Montreal under our ring and seal, and that of our chancellor, the 29th of September, one thousand nine hundred and three.

"PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal."

WARNINGS WERE GIVEN.

"As we have said this solemn warning was preceded by others. From Rome even we wrote to the manager, to make him aware of the evil sheet of that nature was producing in the heart of our population and conjured him to cease publishing articles of that kind.

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Death of Rev. E. J. Kiernan, of Collingwood

General and sincere regret was felt in Toronto on Sunday last when the announcement was made in the churches of the death of Rev. E. J. Kiernan, of Collingwood. The sad event happened at the home of the priest's mother in Manchester, England, where he was visiting. Father Kiernan had not been in good health and from his visit to England improvement was expected. It was therefore with surprise the news of his death came. Deceased passed away on the 3rd inst., on which date he had decided to sail for home. He was born in Longford, Ireland, and was educated at the Grand Seminary, Montreal. His ordination took place in Toronto on March 19, 1878, at the hands of the late Archbishop Lynch. He was the first resident priest in Collingwood, and not only built the church and schools there, but laid out the parish. A Requiem High Mass will be celebrated in Collingwood to-day (Thursday), and a large number of the priests of the Archdiocese will attend. May the soul of the departed rest in peace.

The Death of a Young Montreal Priest

Rev. Thomas Edward McDermott was a native of St. Ann's Parish, of this city, and was born May 28th, 1872. He received his classical education at Montreal College, and at St. Michael's College, Toronto, studied philosophy and theology at the Grand Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood Dec. 18th, 1897. While studying at St. Michael's College, Toronto, he was often called upon to play the organ at special celebrations in St. Michael's College Cathedral with Rev. Bro. Odo Baldwin, Director of De La Salle Institute, on Duke street, Toronto.

Father McDermott was first attached to the clergy of St. Patrick's, where he distinguished himself as a preacher, and was particularly appreciated for his zealous care of the sick, being chaplain of the General Hospital during his stay there. He worked earnestly in the cause of temperance during his stay at St. Patrick's.

In the spring of 1898 he was transferred to St. Mary's Our Lady of Good Counsel, and became assistant to the late Father O'Donnell. He labored energetically for three years in this parish, devoting special activity to bringing about the elaborate decoration of the church, which was since destroyed by fire. When Father O'Donnell became ill, the burden of the parish duties fell entirely upon Father McDermott's shoulders, and quite over-taxed his strength and previously vigorous constitution. Despite his youth, he carried on the duties of his office with the same energy and most important societies in the parish, and also labored effectively in organizing the service of the altar among the boys under his charge. On many occasions when called to visit a sick person, he induced the tired wife or mother to take much-needed rest while he spent night after night praying and watching at the sick bed. At this time an affection of the throat developed, which forced him to give up preaching, and the more active duties of his calling. He, however, always held to the hope that this retirement was only of a temporary nature. He placed himself under the care of Canadian and American throat specialists, who were never sanguine of his recovery, but advised him to rest as much as possible, and live in a milder climate. A visit to Colorado did seem to nurse him back to health, and he returned to Montreal much stronger. He was Chaplain in the Adriatic for four months under the Sisters of Mercy. About a year ago he began to fail noticeably and only a few weeks past he was obliged to go to the Hotel Dieu to await the end.

On Saturday, Sept. 26th, Father McDermott was prepared for death by Very Abbe Lecoq, Superior of the Sulpicians, receiving Extreme Unction and Holy Viaticum at the hands of His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi. From that time until Friday afternoon he remained conscious and perfectly resigned. At ten o'clock the Seminary was summoned to the bedside of the dying priest.

Montreal, Oct. 5.—The funeral of Rev. Thomas Edward McDermott took place from St. Ann's Church this morning, and was largely attended. The remains were transferred to St. Ann's Presbytery, on Saturday afternoon, where they were viewed by thousands. On Sunday evening at 7 o'clock they were solemnly borne to the church and laid in state. The office of the archdiocese, Rev. Father Caron, P.P. St. Ann's, presided, assisted by Rev. Fathers Kiernan, P.P. St. Michael's, and McDonald, St. Gabriel's.

9 o'clock to-day, the celebrant being Very Rev. Abbe Lecoq, P.S.S., Superior of the Sulpicians, assisted by Rev. Father Gerald McShane, P.S.S., Notre Dame, and a relative of the deceased, as sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Thomas O'Reilly, chaplain Hotel Dieu as sub-deacon, in the Sanctuary were His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, attended by his secretary, Rev. J. B. Demers, Rev. Father Caron, P.P. C. St. R., St. Ann's, and Rev. Father Brady, P.P. St. Mary's, and many other priests.

Yet the cause of all the sadness, and the impressive ceremonies which were taking place was a silent figure on the occasion.

"How gentle in his coffin he lies,
His sacred hands folded on his breast;
He's gone, the priest of our affection,
He's not dead, but only taking rest."

Around the catafalque burned innumerable tapers.

The choir of the church was augmented by members of St. Mary's, St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's choirs, under the direction of Prof. P. J. Shea, and rendered the solemn service impressively, the youthful voices of St. Ann's school boys being heard to good advantage in the many parts of the service. In the congregation were the parishioners of St. Patrick's, St. Mary's, St. Anthony's and St. Gabriel's, also the Christian Brothers and Sisters of Providence and Notre Dame.

After the singing of the Libera, the funeral cortege proceeded to Cote des Neiges. In the procession, which was a large one, were the Knights of Columbus, Canada Council, of which the priest was a member, and the Irish clergy of the city, besides a large number of citizens. At the cemetery—"In Paradise" was sung in the mortuary chapel by the clergy, while at the grave the Libera was sung, and then the remains of the priest were laid to rest beside those of his mother, who died two years ago. This was a special request of the dead clergyman.

Methought as the sound of the cold thud of the clay upon the coffin was heard, that I heard the voice of the Lord's anointed, who had been my friend for years, say, in that sweet tenor voice, often sang the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in such melodious tones:

"Sing, pray and swerve not from His ways,
But do thine own part faithfully,
God never yet forsook in need,
The soul that trusted Him indeed."

"Friends, all, farewell, my heart I give,
I thank you for your love,
May peace attend you where you go,
Farewell, we'll meet above."

Father McDermott is mourned by a father, Mr. Patrick McDermott, contractor and builder of this city; by two brothers, Messrs. P. McDermott, contractor and appraiser, and M. S. McDermott, of the Canada Mutual Insurance Co., and a sister, Mrs. Herbert Cook. R.I.P.
Montreal, Oct. 6, 1903. FELIX.

When you are old you will realize that most of us have more memories than are good for us.

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