

MR. SATOLLI ON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

The New York Herald has the following special from Washington:

Mr. Satulli, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, declared himself on the subject of Catholic schools at a reception given by the faculty and students of Gonzaga College, in the hall of Notre Dame, the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day. The Delegate was attended by the secretaries of Legation, Mr. Sharetti and Dr. Papi. Several addresses were made, to which Mr. Satulli responded at length. He spoke in Latin.

After a graceful reference to the duty of Catholics to observe Thanksgiving Day and pray for the prosperity of the Republic, Mr. Satulli said:

"We may be sure of this, that all the Americans, of whatever church they may be members, even if of none recognize the value of the Catholic school; they are interested in it, they honor it, they wish it to continue and progress.

"They have learned by experience that citizens educated in those schools do not fall short in knowledge and in love of the American Constitution; that they do not lag behind the most progressive of the American people; that they are endowed with steadiness of character with constancy of right purpose; that they are just, active, charitable and generous unto sacrifice.

"Such, then, is the magnificent spectacle presented to America by the Catholic schools, not unlike the spectacle given by the first Christians to the whole world in the early centuries of the Church. In those days it looked as if pagans and philosophers might despise the faith and exterminate the customs and religion of the Christians, but in reality they could not conceal very long their true judgment nor hide their astonishment at the spectacle of the social and religious virtues preached by Christians.

NOT POSSIBLE IN AMERICA.

"How advantageous it would have been for the public welfare if they had favored the new religion instead of persecuting it and if they had recognized and fostered harmony between Christian truth and morality on the one hand and on the other hand the spirit of social and public life!

"It was impossible at the time to bring about this harmony, because the civil Constitution was imbued with errors and superstitions and because it was believed with no good reason that ruin of the State would follow inevitably the disappearance of those superstitions. But thanks to God and glory to the men who inspired the American Constitution, such a state of things as obtained in Rome is not possible here.

"I will say that whoever seriously meditates on the principles of the American Constitution, whoever is acquainted with the present conditions of the American Republic, should be persuaded and agree with us that the action of the Catholic faith and morality is favorable in every way to the direction in which the Constitution turns. For the more public opinion and the Government favor the Catholic schools the more and more will the welfare of the Commonwealth be advanced.

SAFEGUARD OF THE CONSTITUTION.

"Catholic education is the surest safeguard of the permanence throughout the centuries of the Constitution and the best guide of the Republic in civil progress. From this source the Constitution will gather on that assimilation so necessary for the perfect organization of that great progressive body which is the American Republic.

"That is the sincere expression of conviction and, as to speak, the profession of my faith in this matter. Up to the present it has been inexplicable to me, and never perhaps shall I find out what was the origin of the suspicion that my views were not favorable to Catholic schools.

"Those who at first, or ever after, have attributed to me such an absurd opinion ought to point to some word or action of mine to justify themselves. Had I spoken differently I should be unfaithful to my mission, ungrateful to the generous hospitality which I have enjoyed and am enjoying in America, and, moreover, I should have given the lie to my first and unchangeable convictions.

"Every Catholic school is a safeguard of youth, and it is at the same time

for the American youth a place of training, where they are brought up for the advantage of Church and country.

"Grant, heaven, that the Catholic schools may continue, increase in number, grow stronger, reach the highest perfection, endowed with the blessings of God, commanded by the authority of the Church and the Holy Father, honored and appreciated by every honest citizen, from the illustrious President down to the most humble workman! Those only are against them who do not know them, or who are not animated by the spirit of the Church, and are wanting in the sentiments of true liberty."

IRISH NEWS.

The Rev. M. Clarke, curate of Ballyculla, is dead.

Mary Anne Fearn, matron of the Coombe Lying-in Hospital, Dublin, died recently of blood poisoning.

It is proposed to construct a railway line between Midleton, County Cork, and Ballycotton.

The tenants of W. J. Knox, minor, of Ballyhanna, have received a reduction in their rent of 5 per cent. through his agent, H. T. Martley.

The Rev. Joseph A. Maloney, pastor of Roundstone, has contributed £2 2s. to the Evicted Tenants' Fund, and the Rev. Michael Murphy, curate, £1 ls.

At a special meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners the retiring chairman, Mr. Patrick Calkin, was unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year. This is his sixth year as chairman of the board.

The Judges of Assize have returned Archibald Collier, of Dublin; James F. J. of The Cross, Enniskillen, and High Sheriff of County Fermanagh, for the coming year.

On the recommendation of Lord Bandon, Lord Lieutenant of the county, John O'Connell, Esq., High Sheriff of County Clare, has been sworn in as a magistrate for County Cork.

These gentlemen will serve next year as High Sheriffs in Sligo County: Simon Cullen, of Rathelmond; Alexander Sim, of Camphill, Collooney; Capt. B. W. Uillas, of Seaview, Ballisodare.

Henry Bruce Armstrong, D.L., of Killylea House, Armagh; John George Masters, of Bristown, Longford, and John A. Macconchy, of Dublin, have been appointed High Sheriffs of Longford.

W. H. Boyd, I. Sweeney, William McKinney, P. Carroll and M. Doherty have been appointed by the Letterkenny Town Commissioners to see to the school attendance under the Compulsory Education Act.

The Judges of Assize have appointed these High Sheriffs for Leitrim County: William Howley, of Brockley, London; John Merriek Lloyd, of Croghan House, Croghan, Boyle; and Gilbert King, jr., of Jamestown, Drumana.

John R. Singleton, of Hazley, Winkfield, England; Joseph Pratt, of Cabra Castle, King'scourt, and Col. George M. Doherty, of Balford, will serve as High Sheriffs for Cavan during 1894.

The Judges of Assize have returned these gentlemen to serve as High Sheriffs next year in Derry City and County: B. H. McCorkell, of Richmond, Derry; D. C. Stevenson, of Knockan, Derry; Frank G. Watney, of Landmore, Aghadowey.

Captain John Bayly, of Debshoro, Nenagh; William A. Riall, D.L., of Annville, Clonmel, and Robert Malcolmson, of Malview, Clonmel, have been appointed High Sheriffs of Tipperary for the coming year.

Hanna Hendrick Aylmer, of Kerdiffstown, Naas; Lord Walter Fitzgerald, of Killeen Castle, Magency, and William Trench Kirkpatrick, of Donacumper, Ceshinge, have been appointed High Sheriffs of this county.

These gentlemen have been chosen High Sheriff of Limerick County: General Thomas Lloyd, of Beechnut, Rathkeale; Hon. William Cosby Trench, of Castle Oliver, Killybeg, and Colonel Lionel Butler Massey, of Cragbeg.

The Judges of Assize have chosen these High Sheriffs for 1894 for Roscommon County: Major Michael Burke, of Carrowroe Park, Roscommon; J. Merriek Lloyd, of Croghan House, Boyle; Captain H. Pakenham Mahon of Strokestown.

The Judges of Assize have returned these gentlemen as High Sheriffs for

County Meath, during the coming year: Thomas Boylan, of Hilltown, Drogheda; Francis William Blackburne, of Tancredstown, Slane, and William Thompson, of Rathnally, Trim.

The Judges of Assize have chosen these gentlemen to serve as High Sheriffs next year in Waterford County: Chas. Nugent Humble, of Cloncoskaine, Dungarven; Chas. Edward Denny of Mary Park, Waterford; Edward Purcell Fuge, of Glenalley, Youghal.

These High Sheriffs have been appointed for Kilkenny County: Richard Wandesford, of Cattercomer House, County Kilkenny; Edward R. B. Tighe, of Woodstock Innisfree, and Harvey de Montmerency Fleming, of Barraghoore House, Gorebridge.

Robert Crawford, of Storewold, Ballyshannon; Henry C. Hart, of Carrabagh, Portlann, Letterkenny; and Captain William Knox, of Clonbeigh, Strabane, have been returned by the Judges of Assize as High Sheriffs for the county during 1894.

ROMAN NEWS.

(Gleaned from the London Universe.)

The Holy Father has received the Archbishops of Trani and Barletta, and of Chambery.

The proposed monster bell which the Russians of Moscow were to send to Notre Dame, in Paris, has to be withheld, neither of the two towers of the cathedral having been constructed to sustain such an enormous weight.

His Holiness has sent the Cross of St. Gregory the Great to M. Puyo, president of the Catholic committee of Morlaix. This was the first committee of Brittany to adhere to the Pontifical policy, and make a declaration of Catholic Republicanism.

The new cathedral of Marseilles, a splendid work of art, was opened to public worship on Thursday (30th of November). The first stone of the building was laid by Napoleon III. in 1855, during the bishopric of Mgr. Mazenod.

By decree of the President of the French Republic Father Schmitt, missionary at Petron (Siam) has been named Chevalier of the Legion of Honor for his exceptional services during the conclusion of the treaty between France and Siam.

The death is announced of the Chevalier Hefner, a Bavarian living at Rome, and formerly captain of clothing in the Pontifical Zouaves. His life since the service was broken up in 1871 has been entirely consecrated to charity, and he died surrounded by all the consolations of religion, and strengthened by the benediction of the Holy Father. R.I.P.

There is a change in the Humberto-Italian Administration. We do not know much of it, nor do we care to know much. The truth is, the country is anxious to put on too lofty an air of martial swagger and has not the means to afford the expensive pastime. The consequence is, the finances are all wrong and the exchequer tables would best be represented by what is commonly known as ducks and drakes.

The Holy Father has put the finishing hand to the Encyclical on Biblical

studies, which will be published within the next fortnight. The document, which is of great scientific value, has been already communicated to some very competent ecclesiastics whom His Holiness was desirous of consulting. After having established the fundamental principles of the Biblical exegesis, Leo XIII. warns Catholics against exaggerated interpretations, which in some cases are too broad, in others too restricted, for human science. He indicates what is good and bad in recent systems, and traces the rules to be followed in reconciling the word of Holy Writ with the discoveries of science. The production will be tolerably long.

THE P. P. A. OATH.

The Philadelphia Record gives the following as the oath taken by the members of the P. P. A. on initiation:—"I do most solemnly promise and swear that I will not allow anyone a member of the Roman Catholic Church to become a member of this order, I knowing him to be such; that I will use my influence to promote the interest of all Protestants everywhere in the world; that I will not employ a Roman Catholic in any capacity if I can procure the services of a Protestant; that I will not aid in building, or in maintaining by my resources any Roman Catholic Church or institution of their sect or creed whatsoever, but will do all in my power to retard and break down the power of the Pope; that I will not enter into any controversy with a Roman Catholic upon the subject of this order, nor will I enter into any agreement with a Roman Catholic to strike or create a disturbance, whereby the Roman Catholic employees may undermine and substitute Protestants; and in all grievances I will seek only Protestants and counsel with them, to the exclusion of all Roman Catholics, and will not make known to them anything of any nature matured at such conferences; that I will not countenance the nomination in any caucus or convention of a Roman Catholic for any office in the gift of the American people, and that I will not vote for nor counsel others to vote for any Roman Catholic, but will vote only for Protestants; that I will endeavor at all times to place the political positions of this Government in the hands of Protestants. To all of which I do most solemnly promise and swear, so help me God. Amen."

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

SIR,—The above oath of the P. P. A. and the A. P. A., twin children of that unhallowed Association, Orangeism, has already appeared in your columns; and if I request you to reproduce it again, it is to serve as a warning to Catholics to be on the alert, to band themselves lawfully together, and be prepared to meet the insidious foe in all its shapes, wherever it appears; whether on the hustings or in the field of controversy. The spirit, object and aims of this anti-Christian Association are so vividly set forth in their oath that all well-disposed Protestants have good grounds for blushing at a name that has laid more cruelties and persecutions at their doors since its inception, in 1795, than can be laid to the charge of the combined secret societies of all Europe and America, including anarchists, nihilists, communists, know-nothings, &c. I would warn all my co-religionists of Ontario, where this poisonous reptile is raising its unregenerated head under a new name:—Beware now you cast your votes, in Municipal, Provincial or Dominion elections! The serpent tempted and allured our first parents from their duty and obedience to God; and the same serpent, under a disguised name and appearance in politics, may now try to allure you from your allegiance to duty, honesty, justice and religion. This monster of iniquity assumes many Protean shapes, but its initiation oath, if carefully read and well digested, should be an object lesson to Catholics of the Province of Ontario for their present and future guidance. A ship with the yellow flag of Orangeism flying at her prow is to be avoided as a hot-house of contagion and disease; so, also, is the pestilential atmosphere of P. P. Aism, and all its kindred branches. When the time arrives, meet them with a solid Catholic vote. In all else shun them—pay them home in their own coin, with a pure and unalloyed "Boycott." This is the way to bring cowardly Orangeism, and all other isms of a similar type, to their knees.

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