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## PROGRESS

**Has Marked History of Catholic Church in Louisville During 1904.**

**Population Now Numbers 60,000 Souls, With Thirty-two Churches.**

**Devoted Pastors and Laity Have Brought About Beneficent Results.**

## SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF

Catholicity has made great progress in Louisville and Jefferson county during the calendar year of 1904. At the end of the year it is not out of place to recur to this progress and development, especially at Christmas time. It is noticeable that at each recurring holy day of obligation more Catholics attend mass than on the previous year's anniversaries of holy days. On Sundays the divine services are attended more generally than formerly. For all of this the pastors of the various congregations and other parishioners have reason to congratulate themselves, as conditions were not always as they are at present. Whilst the Louisville diocese is one of the oldest in the West it has not always been one of the most progressive. It has been coming to the front, however, within recent years in a remarkable manner. The progress that has been made will astonish Catholics themselves, especially since it has been conducted on most conservative lines.

There are today thirty-two Catholic churches within the city of Louisville. This is nearly double the number of churches of any other single denomination, reckoning the Methodist as the next leading religious body with its North and South and colored affiliations. It is reasonable to say therefore that the Catholics are the stronger of any branch of the Christian denominations in this city. A conservative estimate would place the population of Catholics at 60,000 souls. In point of church attendance the Catholics lead all the others two to one. When all of this is considered credit must be given to the administration of the Right Rev. William George McCloskey, Bishop of Louisville, and now the oldest Catholic Bishop in the United States in point of continuous service. It has been the policy of Bishop McCloskey to do his work quietly. He has not paraded his work in his official organ or elsewhere, but it has been none the less successful.

Bishop McCloskey and his immediate assistants are today surrounded by a most devoted number of clergy and laity. Want of space precludes the possibility of mentioning all the clergy who have done so much for the progress of the church during the year. Collectively the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Young Men's Institute, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Knights of America, Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, the various societies, and last, but not least, the St. Vincent de Paul societies, have each done their part.

In point of veneration the Cathedral of the Assumption takes the lead in the congregations of the city, though its membership is not so large as some of the other congregations. The Right Rev. Bishop has made the Cathedral his church of late, and he is surrounded by devoted clergymen like Fathers Rock, Schumann and others. The Vicar General of the diocese, Very Rev. James P. Cronin, though he makes frequent visits to the Cathedral, devotes most of his time to the large congregation attending St. Patrick's church at Thirteenth and Market streets. Father Cronin is one of the most popular priests in the diocese of Louisville. Those in high authority sometimes are not altogether popular with their subordinates, but Father Cronin is an exception to this almost universal rule. He is one of the coming prelates of the diocese in the opinion of his associates.

One of the few churches consecrated in this diocese in recent years is that of the Sacred Heart, presided over by the Rev. Patrick Walsh. The work performed by this devoted pastor and his congregation is something Catholics generally have reason to feel proud of. In a recent issue this paper gave an account of the consecration of the church.

Right here it may be well to refer to the work which the church has been and is doing for the colored population of Louisville. At the church of St. Augustine, 1409 West Broadway, presided over by the Rev. Francis Felten, there is a large congregation of negro Catholics, and they are among the best people of their race within the State. They are devoted to their church and their pastor, and their exemplary conduct is to be commended. Father Felten is a German, but he says he would not give up his congregation for any in the city, not excepting the Cathedral. The work among the colored people is to the great credit of those interested in it.

Rev. Henry A. Connelly, rector of St. Bridgid's church, 1224 Heppburn avenue, is destined to have the most "fashionable" church in Louisville in time if such a thing as "fashion" may be mentioned in connection with a Catholic congregation. Every one who has the money is



**JOHN J. CROTTY.**  
Re-elected President of Satelli Council.

moving to the Highlands, and Father Connelly has some of the leading business men of the city in his parish. He is a pious as well as a learned pastor. Some of his sermons have recently appeared in the Record and have been read with interest.

In due time the congregation of St. Charles Borromeo, 2700 West Chestnut street, must have a new church building, and the Rev. Charles P. Raffo is looking to that end. The present building is wholly inadequate to accommodate the large number of people who go there on Sundays and holy days. Father Raffo is one of the most eloquent of the Catholic clergy and is held in the highest esteem by everybody. He is a native of Louisville of Italian parentage.

The dear old Brook-street church of St. Michael, of which the Rev. John Sheridan is the pastor, is not attended by congregations as large as in "ye olden time," when the fathers and mothers of the present generation were young, but still a great many go there, and Father Sheridan does his part to keep up the work started half a century ago.

The German Catholics of Louisville have reason to feel proud of the fine church edifices and the devotion of their parishioners. Congregations like St. Boniface, St. Martin's, St. Anthony's and Immaculate Conception are ones which any diocese might be proud of.

The orders of St. Dominic, St. Francis and the Passionists are strong and ably represented in this city. The Dominicans in the city at St. Louis Bertrand's, and the Franciscans are not far behind. From the Passionist Retreat, on the Newburg road, at the outskirts of the city, devoted missionaries are sent to all parts of the country to preach the gospel.

Of course in this article only a brief mention can be made of the work of the clergy in this city, and all of the churches have not been named. The purpose of this article is to give a brief resume of some of the work being done by the clergy and laity for the betterment of the Catholic community in the city of Louisville and vicinity.

Catholics have reason to feel proud of their clergy, their churches and the devotion of many of their membership. Let us hope that during the coming year greater progress, if possible, will be made than during the year now about to close.

## LAI'D TO REST.

**God Calls Mrs. Michael O'Sullivan to Her Eternal Rest.**

Mrs. Ann O'Sullivan, beloved wife of Michael O'Sullivan, 1106 Sixth street, died last Friday morning at the rectory of her son, Rev. Father Hugh O'Sullivan, at Whitesville, this State, where she had gone several months ago in the hope that the change would benefit her. Mrs. O'Sullivan was sixty-eight years of age and was born in Ennis, County Clare, Ireland. She came to this country when a girl, and was married to Mr. O'Sullivan in Syracuse in the early fifties. Moving to Kentucky in 1869, they resided continuously in Louisville until separated by death. Mrs. O'Sullivan was truly one of the very best of women, as was attested by the large outpouring of friends at the funeral, and the eloquent tribute to her memory which was delivered at the Cathedral during the requiem mass. When the reverend father said that she was the very soul of womanhood, a real devoted Catholic mother and true friend, many were moved to tears, but she has been called to her eternal reward, there to remain for all eternity, and it is to be hoped and prayed for that she will enjoy everlasting happiness in the realm of peace. Besides the husband she is survived by one daughter, Miss Luck O'Sullivan, and seven sons, three of them priests. The sons are Fathers Hugh, Anthony and St. John, all of this diocese; Prof. Patrick O'Sullivan, now in Germany, and William, Michael and Joseph O'Sullivan, of this city. Mrs. O'Sullivan was loved and honored by her children and hundreds of friends, whose prayers will be fervently offered for her eternal rest.

## JOINS LORRETTINE ORDER.

Miss Alexina Schaulie, the well known singer and artist, has left for Loretto to enter the novitiate of the Sisters of Loretto. Miss Schaulie is possessed of a sweet voice and is exceedingly popular in musical circles, where she will be greatly missed.

## POSTPONED.

**Central Committee Will Elect Its Officers at the January Meeting.**

**Will Celebrate Their Installation With Social Session and Luncheon.**

**Meeting Friday Night Was Harmonious and Full of Interest.**

## RECEPTION FOR ARCHBISHOP GLENNON

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Committee of the Catholic Knights of America, held Friday night in St. Mary's Hall, was a reminder of the good old times and large gatherings that prevailed before the troublesome rearing question appeared on the horizon—when the meetings were attended by the majority of the delegates from each of the seventeen branches and the utmost harmony prevailed. Though the weather was inclement, there was a good attendance of delegates and the interest in the Central Committee was manifest by the number present from branches far distant from St. Mary's Hall.

The event of the evening, of course, was to have been the election of officers, which was postponed until the second Wednesday in January. Encouraging reports were received, notwithstanding the many withdrawals since the enforcement of the new rates, and it was also stated that the action by which a number of delegates had been withdrawn would be reconsidered and the branches thereby continue members of the central body, whose only purpose is to increase the membership of the Catholic Knights of America and thus continue it the strongest fraternal insurance organization in the United States. In view of the foregoing President Newton Rogers, Secretary Martin, John Score and others favored the suggestion to defer the election till January, when it is hoped the seventeen branches will be fully represented.

In anticipation of a large gathering of officers and representatives to witness the installation of officers, which will immediately follow the election, the Entertainment Committee was instructed to arrange a programme for a social session and luncheon, at which Rev. Father Westermann will be a guest of honor. Secretary Albert Martin will send special notices to all the delegates and branches asking them to attend.

Communications were read and all bills ordered paid, the usual routine business being transacted. Before the meeting closed there were several short addresses, and attention was called to the fact that not for many months had there been such harmony and good feeling prevailing.

Supreme Trustee McGinn called the attention of the Central Committee to the actions of a certain insurance solicitor, who was charged with having had circulars printed misrepresenting the condition of the Catholic Knights of America. It appears this individual, who remains with no company long, has obtained lists of the members who belong to the Louisville branches, whom he visits at their homes and where they work, telling them the order has failed and that he will provide them with cheaper and better insurance. There was no objection to throw him from their homes and business places for the unfounded stories he has been telling. It is not believed the management of the company he represents would knowingly tolerate such a policy on the part of any of its agents, and upon motion it was decided to send a special committee to the State representative and lay the facts before him. President Rogers appointed as such committee Messrs. McGinn, Martin and Reichert, who will have their report ready for the next meeting. They promise to see that a stop is put to the misrepresentation.

The Kentucky Irish American is gratified to note that His Grace Archbishop Glennon, Bishop McFaul and other prelates have complimented the Catholic Knights of America for placing their order on a safe and sound basis. We also learn from Supreme Trustee Michael Quinn, of Brooklyn, that the Catholic Knights are arranging a great reception in honor of Archbishop Glennon upon the occasion of his visit to Greater New York, where they propose to show their strength and loyalty to the order.

Nothing more has been heard regarding injunction suits, and it is believed there will be no more trouble in enforcing the new rates.

## FUNDS FOR ORGAN.

Subscriptions are now being taken in Shelby county for the purpose of purchasing a handsome new pipe organ for the Church of the Annunciation at Shelbyville, of which Rev. Father John J. Fitzgerald is the popular and beloved pastor. Miss Alice Dubourg, the accomplished organist, has the list in charge. This church has a splendid choir, and an elaborate musical programme has been prepared for the Christmas services.



**WILLIAM KERBERG.**  
Elected President of Mackin Council.

## ISSUE OF BONDS

**Being Considered by Trinity Council For Club House.**

Trinity Council, Y. M. I., has taken up for earnest consideration the proposition to issue bonds to its members and thus raise funds with which to purchase or erect a club house. Monday night the matter was referred to a special committee, who will ascertain whether it is necessary to amend the articles of incorporation and report in the near future.

President Cooney presided and the usual amount of routine business was transacted. The Federation of Catholic Societies was granted the use of the hall for an entertainment, and the Literary Committee of the council was instructed to arrange for another of its excellent evenings of literary exercises and entertainment early in the new year.

## NOTRE DAME

**University Will Educate Filipino Boys at Government Expense.**

Notre Dame University, through Congressman Brick's influence, was selected as one of the institutions where Filipino boys will be educated at the Government's expense. The Government, on recommendation of Secretary Taft, proposes to import and educate a number of Filipino boys and girls on condition that they will go back home and give as long a period to the service of their country as given to educate them. The first installment of Filipino boys is now on the ocean and part of them will go to South Bend. Brick will try to have some Filipino girls sent to St. Mary's, near South Bend, to be educated. Mr. Brick is the Republican Congressman from the Thirtieth Indiana district. He has worked diligently to get the Secretary of War to make the order to send the boys to the university, and Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge have favored the plan.

## RECENT DEATHS.

We regret to chronicle the death of Arthur Polin, which occurred Tuesday at his home on East Washington street. His funeral was held from St. John's on Thursday and was largely attended.

The funeral of Gerhard Twickler, a member of St. Martin's church, occurred Monday morning and was largely attended. He was eighty years of age and was highly respected in the community in which he had so long lived.

Mrs. Bridget Mungovan, for years a resident of the Sacred Heart parish, passed peacefully away last Saturday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. James Keenan, in Indianapolis. Her remains were brought to this city and buried Monday morning, Rev. Father Walsh officiating at the funeral services.

The Sacred Heart church has lost another of its oldest members by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Sayer, widow of James Sayer. She was seventy-six years old and had long resided at 921 Thirteenth street. Her funeral took place Sunday afternoon, Rev. Patrick Walsh conducting the solemn services of the Catholic church.

Thomas McNally, an aged and highly respected member of St. Patrick's parish, died Sunday morning at the home of his son, Walter McNally, 1137 West Market street. Deceased was a native of Ireland, but for years had been a resident of this city. The funeral was largely attended Tuesday morning, the interment being in St. Louis cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Byrne, well known and held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends and relatives, was called to her eternal reward Monday morning at the home of her brother, Michael McGuire, 1412 Payne street. Her funeral was held Wednesday morning at St. Aloysius church, Rev. Father O'Grady officiating at the solemn obsequies.

Seldom has the death of a lady in St. Charles Borromeo parish caused so much regret as that of Mrs. Mary Lambert, wife of the late Patrick Lambert, who died at her home, 2801 West Walnut street, last Saturday morning. The funeral took place Monday morning and at 9 o'clock the mass of requiem was solemnized at St. Charles' church by Rev. Father Raffo, after which the remains were laid tenderly beside those of her husband in St. Louis cemetery to await the final resurrection.

## HIBERNIANISM.

**The History, Purpose and Spirit of the Noble and Ancient Order.**

**Distinguished Scholars Are Now Calling Attention to the Society.**

**Eloquent Tribute From the Very Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, D. D.**

## ITS GLORIOUS WORK IN AMERICA

The Ancient Order of Hibernians has a glorious history, which is now being brought forcibly to the attention of Irish-Americans by distinguished statesmen and scholars. The fact is that for years the Ancient Order has "hid its light under a bushel," as it were, and the generality of Irishmen know nothing, or at least little, of this order, which is today the greatest Catholic organization in the country. In this country it is made up of the bone and sinew, the rank and file of Irish-American citizenship. It puts on no frills, makes no pretensions of being exclusive, but it does its work well.

These reflections are brought about through reading the learned address of that great Irish-American scholar, Very Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, D. D., professor of church history at the Catholic University of America. This learned address on the history, objects and aims of the Ancient Order was recently delivered before an immense throng in Carnegie Hall, New York City, on which occasion Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, of the New York Supreme Court, presided and introduced the learned and distinguished lecturer.

Dr. Shahan's address on the subject of "Hibernianism" should be read by every Irish-American, whether he belongs to the order or not. The learned speaker only briefly referred to the early organization, preferring to dwell upon its work in this country. He said to go back to the early formation of the society would be to recall the formation of organization by the disbanded armies of the O'Neils and Desmonds. The society from the earliest times has been Catholic as well as patriotic. It was the bodyguard of the Catholic priest when he said mass in the open air, when the clergy were tracked from glen to mountain, from forest to bog, as though they were a wretched vermin in the body politic.

Coming down to our own times, Dr. Shahan read a letter from the brethren in Ireland to the brethren in New York, dated May 4, 1836, granting authority and full instructions to establish branches of the society in America. These instructions are too long to reproduce here, but suffice it to say, first of all, members must be Roman Catholics and Irish or of Irish descent and of good moral character, and none shall join a secret society to which the church objects. The instructions bear the broad Christian Catholic spirit, as will be observed from this paragraph:

"Also be it known unto you that our wish and prayer is that when you form your society, in many cities or towns, you will do all that is in your power to aid and protect your Irish sisters from all harm and temptation, as the Irish woman is known for her chastity all over the world. Some of them may differ from you in religion, but, brothers, bear in mind that our good Lord died for all; therefore be it known unto you that our wish is that you do all that you can for the Irish emigrant girls, no matter who they may be, and God will reward you in your new country, and doing this you will keep up the high standing and honor of the Irish in America."

Dr. Shahan said the American branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians had been faithful to these early instructions, which were broad and Catholic in spirit. Continuing, he said:

"Brethren of the Ancient Order, you have, indeed, been very faithful to that simple and unassuming letter of your foundation, a letter that breathes an apostolic spirit, and if not written by a priest, was surely written by a priestly soul, such as have always abounded in Ireland since St. Patrick took away their pagan hearts and gave them the warm Christian hearts that they have never since parted with. You have indeed exercised every form of Christian charity. Who will count for us the sick you have supported, the widows and orphans you have cared for, the friendless and homeless you have aided in these seven decades? I read that in a single decade, from 1884 to 1894, you spent nearly six million dollars in charitable aid, most of it in small sums and in each case for a limited time. And I have no doubt that from 1894 to 1904 you spent as many millions, perhaps more, in the relief of the poor and the helpless. To how many hearths of the poor and lowly must you have come as ministering angels? And what were all these and greater sums of money in comparison with that coinage of the heart that you pour out unceasingly in consolation, encouragement, advice and all the forms of Christian solicitude for the widow and the orphan, those in peril and distress, in a word for



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all those of your race and religion who find the burden of life too heavy and its trials too numerous to bear alone and unaided? Who will tell us the sums you have contributed to the parochial works of the United States—churches, schools, convents, institutions of every kind? And not only to those of your adopted country, but to numberless churches in Ireland has your helping hand been stretched forth. Is there a lodge of the Ancient Order to which some day an Irish priest has not come begging for charity that was never refused him, that he might build or repair the altar of God among his people?"

The entire address is replete with historic facts and eloquent passages, and the Kentucky Irish American only regrets its inability to publish more of the address for lack of space.

It is indeed amazing that when facts such as the learned Dr. Shahan presents are brought forth that more Irish-Americans do not unite themselves with the Ancient Order of Hibernians. In the East the order is growing amazingly. In Kentucky the membership should be five times as large as it is, and here in Louisville it ought to increase in membership ten-fold. The expense attached to membership is trivial and the self-satisfaction of joining an order whose motto is "Friendship, unity and true Christian charity" ought to be an incentive to all Catholics of Irish descent to become identified with the society. All who can should join with the beginning of the year.

## HAPPY EVENT.

**Relatives and Friends Gather and Congratulate Henry Gottbrath.**

Not to many men is given the great happiness of celebrating their sixtieth birthday surrounded by a beloved wife, children, grandchildren and a large gathering of friends, but such was the blessing bestowed upon Henry Gottbrath last Sunday. Early Sunday morning, with his entire family, Mr. Gottbrath attended mass at St. Mary's church, of which he has been an exemplary and influential member since its dedication. During the afternoon the seven children and numerous grandchildren and friends called at the Gottbrath home, at Eighth and Market streets, to congratulate the worthy husband and wife on the anniversary and express feeling words. Mrs. Gottbrath, however, was prepared for the occasion, and the hosts of well wishers were seated to an elegant and bounteous repast, at which the health of Mr. Gottbrath and his family was drunk and happy responses to toasts made by Rev. Father Heiling, Edmund G. Hill, John Schwartz, Ben Horstman and others.

Henry Gottbrath is a native of Germany, but many years ago came to Louisville and engaged in the grocery business, and by his ability and integrity he has amassed a neat fortune. He is one of the best known and most highly esteemed German-American citizens, a practical Catholic and charitable to all. The sons and daughters have followed in the exemplary footsteps of their aged parents, and their presence added much joy and happiness to the occasion. Mrs. Gottbrath was indeed a charming hostess, and when the guests departed it was with the expressed wish that there would be many more returns of the anniversary.

## THREE NUNS MURDERED.

The three last surviving nuns of the Convent of St. John in Milittle, a small village near Catania, Italy, each of whom was over seventy years of age, were found murdered one morning last week and every article of value in the convent stolen. From the position of the bodies it is surmised that the thieves dragged the nuns all over the building in order to have them point out the hiding places of their valuables, and then strangled them. The murdered nuns were supposed to be very wealthy.

## AFTER NEW YEAR'S.

Secretary Frank Burke, of Mackin Council, is in receipt of a letter from Supreme Secretary James O'Brien, in which the latter says the new ritual for the Young Men's Institute will be ready for distribution soon after the beginning of the new year. How many it will require to exemplify the work was not stated, though it is known that it will take at least six well equipped men to form a degree team.

## SOCIALISM

**Means the Control of Labor by a Few Visionary Men.**

**Leaders Do Not Clearly Know Themselves What They Are After.**

**They Have Started a School in New York to Enlighten the People.**

## REJECTED BY AMERICAN FEDERATION

Inspired by the fact that Eugene Debs received 600,000 votes at the last Presidential election, the Socialist-Democratic party has issued a statement that it has laid plans for establishing a school of socialism. A Board of Instructors has been appointed and the school term is to continue from the first week in January to the last week in May. There will be one lesson each week, or twenty-one lessons in all. The lessons are to be given by Eastern Socialists in New York City, where the school is to be opened. It is probably well that the Socialists are to open a school, for nobody quite understands what they want. If they can enlighten the people through night schools it is probable that this dangerous fad will soon die out.

Although the Socialists were strong in California at this year's session of the American Federation of Labor held in San Francisco, their attempt in that body to turn down Samuel Gompers and John Mitchell proved futile. This was a repetition of the rebuke received by the Socialist wing in the Federation meeting held in Boston last year. It is plain that the American workman wants nothing to do with Socialism, if the action of the two last conventions of the Federation can be taken as an evidence of the sentiment of organized labor. Many Socialist addresses have been delivered in Louisville during the past few years, but no one can clearly understand what the leaders want. Now that they are to start night schools it is to be hoped the instructors will make it clear what these visionary men are clamoring for, but it is doubtful if they will be able to do so.

In an article on Socialism in the Western Watchman there is the following paragraph: "We have asked again and again what these Socialists want, and have never been able to elicit an answer. So we are forced to answer the question ourselves. They want two things, but only one at a time, and one after the other and as a culmination of the other. First, they want control of labor, so that they can fix the supply and the price. They would have all the labor for themselves and none for others, thus discounting the Standard Oil and all other monopolies ever attempted by capital. Having gained control of the labor of the country, they would fix its price at ten or twenty times its value as compared with the reward of intellectual industries. The man of brain would leave the man of brain only a pittance.

"But they do not desire the monopoly of labor long—only long enough to carry the elections, when they will cast aside the pick and shovel and abjure any physical exertion beyond clipping coupons and turning the crank of an automobile. The ultimate aim of the Socialist is to be the pensioner of the State, with a State bank to draw on which will honor all his checks. If the United States were to compromise with those 600,000 Socialists who voted at the last election by giving them each a private car on all railroads, a residence in the North for the summer, another in the South for winter and two others, one in the East and another in the West, for the gay seasons, and would further settle on them in perpetuity an annuity of \$100,000, they might be satisfied with this arrangement, but only for a time. In a few years they would want a residence in Europe and another \$100,000 for the increased cost of living. They want a good time all the time. They want money as a condition sine qua non, but work they do not want at all, at all."

This writer has the Socialists sized up properly. What they want is a division of property and when they have spent their portion they would ask for another division and still another.

The Kentucky Irish American, however, can not quite agree with the Western Watchman when it says in another paragraph that the Democratic party is being gradually swallowed up by the Socialists. The Democratic party was badly defeated at the last election, but it was not due to the fact that Democrats joined the Socialist party. The big vote cast for Eugene Debs came from Republicans as well as Democrats, and will hardly cut much of a figure in the next Presidential election. But we do agree with the Watchman that the Socialist party is no place for Catholics. Socialism is but a mild form of Atheism.

## MEMORIAL MONUMENT.

At the meeting of the Archdiocesan consultors, held last week at Cincinnati, the Most Rev. Archbishop Moeller appointed a committee of nine priests to consider the question of erecting a monument to their late lamented metropolitan, Archbishop Henry Elder.