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LETTERS FROM WOODVILLE, MISS.

WOODVILLE, Miss., May 30th, 1872.

To the Editor of Morning Star:

I wish to give you a brief account of the visit of our beloved Bishop, Rt. Rev. W. H. Elder, and the celebration of St. Joseph's day, when he solemnly blessed the ground where the small Catholic congregation here commenced building a church.

The visits of our Bishop have always gladdened our hearts, and evidently borne good fruit, in the increased zeal and fervor of Catholics, and conversions of those who have not been brought up in the pale of the Church; while his admirable sermons have elicited the brightest encomium, from those who were almost persuaded to believe.

Our church is only just commenced, but from the unflinching zeal and the example of self-denial given us by our pastor, Rev. G. Marty, we have every reason to hope that it will soon be completed. Some of the Catholics now living here can remember the time when there was neither Bishop, priest nor church in the State of Mississippi; and their only means of receiving the Sacraments was to visit New Orleans or some other place where a priest resided. The citizens of New Orleans have been accustomed to hear their city called "the Paris of America," and have generally accepted the designation, without, perhaps, being aware, in how many of its nobler aspects, the young republic is as striking as in its glories, its leading the mode, and being the seat of pleasure-seekers, who would kill time in the most reckless manner.

The high rank of its medicinal schools, colleges, and other educational establishments, its pre-eminence in charity have been generally acknowledged; but if you refer to New Orleans as the abode of piety, as a place of pilgrimage to the people of the Mississippi valley, who have no altars of their own, who are only visited by a priest once in four or five years; and who have been in the habit of resorting to its shrines on the great festivals of the Church—to join the Christmas rejoicings, to spend Passion and Holy Week in retreat, that they, too, might share in the Paschal Feast, or unite their voices with the children of Mary in the month of May; even your readers may be unaware of the numbers who visit your city with these purposes, who feel at home, as you do, in St. Patrick's, the immaculate walls of which, or the Cathedral, within whose walls some of the holiest and most precious moments of their lives have been spent, or their most poignant sorrows consoled.

Such was the case with the few Catholics of Woodville for many years. In the year 1845, Rev. C. Francoise, (deceased) offered up the first Mass in the parlor of a private house. There were present all the Catholics that could be heard of in a circuit of several miles, seven persons, one of whom, a convert, then made her First Communion. Perhaps from that hour a hope dawned in some of those hearts, that, with the blessing of God, the day might come when an altar should be erected for the worship of the Lamb, and that the children might not grow up, but strangers to the house of their Father; but it took no tangible form, till the visit of Bishop Chanche in 1852, when the first plan of a church was drawn, and a subscription commenced. Weary years of "hope deferred" followed, but not to fatigue your readers with these details, I will simply refer to the happy beginning of this long-prayed-for church, on Sunday, April 21st, the Patronage of St. Joseph, under whose protection the congregation is placed.

In the afternoon of that day we had a little Sunday School celebration, at which the children recited several pieces appropriate to the occasion. The poems written by your correspondent "Hermine," on the laying of the corner-stone of St. Stephen's, was admirably delivered by a little boy, a relative of our Bishop, and bearing the same honored name.

After this, a procession issued from the room in a private house, which for the last seven years, has been exclusively used as a chapel. A gentleman bearing the crucifix was followed by the boys and girls of the Sunday School, with their banner, lights and flowers, then the ladies and gentlemen, and lastly the Rt. Rev. Bishop and Rev. G. Marty, accompanied by some gentlemen as a guard of honor.

On arriving at the lot, purchased by the congregation, which is beautifully situated in the most eligible part of the town, the Bishop made an appropriate address. The procession then made the circuit of the ground, after which the Bishop broke the sod, solemnly dedicating the ground and building materials to the service of God, and invoking His blessing upon all who had in any manner contributed to the good work; and in this connection, we must gratefully refer to the liberal contributions of our Protestant fellow-citizens, and the general desire manifested for the successful completion of the building.

The church will be sixty feet long and thirty in width, with a rustic porch, and, though simple in plan, will be well proportioned, and when a tower and other ornamental details are added, will prove an embellishment to that part of the town. I will not now dwell upon the other advantages which it will incidentally produce, in attracting Catholic immigration, to which the absence of a Catholic church has heretofore been a serious obstacle.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings, at the Concert Hall, the Bishop delivered an admirable lecture on "The Infallibility of the Pope," to a very large and attentive audience, principally composed of Protestants, among whom were the elite of the city and the bar. On Tuesday, at 5 o'clock, p. m., the Bishop solemnly blessed the private cemetery of the Gordon and Posey families.

At present there is but one grave in it, that of the late George H. Gordon; this is surmounted by a massive marble cross, with a crown of thorns, bearing on its pedestal the words so suggestive to a Catholic heart,—"Suum corda." The large attendance, the sympathetic tear, attested that the virtues of the true patriot, the faithful husband, the generous friend, whose remains mouldered there, were not forgotten.

Loving hands had beautifully decked the grave with flowers, and as the last rays of the sun illumined the tomb, it was indeed a lovely scene, whispering peace to the bereaved, while death seemed deprived of its

terrors to those who contemplated their last resting-place under the shadow of the cross, the prayers of angels, and followed by the prayers of their Holy Mother, the Church.

I cannot give the exact number of St. Joseph's congregation at present, but its increase may be judged by the fact that, on Sunday there were forty communicants, and ten were confirmed, of whom two were converts. There were about twenty-five children attending Sunday school; several fraternities and sodalities are established. We are fully aware of the duty of sustaining our Catholic press and literature. We take the Catholic World, Morning Star, Ave Maria and Young Crusader, every family is supplied with the Young Catholic and Catholic Alliance, and well-selected Catholic books. Since the first visit of a priest in '45, the Catholics have regularly assembled on Sundays and holidays, reading the Mass prayers, etc., instructing the children, singing; and they have gradually gathered in their little chapel, everything really essential to Divine worship. Now that they have outgrown its limits, I am sure you and your readers will wish them God-speed in their enterprise of erecting a church under the patronage of St. Joseph.

To Jesus, Mary and Joseph we commend it.

Yours, &c.

DOMESTIC CATHOLIC INTELLIGENCE.

The Church in South Carolina.—We publish below an interesting letter from a Charleston correspondent to the Boston Pilot which we find in a recent number of that paper:

To the Editor of the Pilot.—Dear Sir: As I see no correspondence from these parts in the columns of your valuable paper, I am of opinion that a few words will not be amiss in Charleston we have six churches, one of which is closed, the Cathedral, of which Rev. Father Quigley is pastor, and Father H. P. Northrop, assistant; St. Mary's, Rev. C. B. Northrop, pastor; St. Joseph's, Rev. Father Creghan, pastor; St. Patrick's, Rev. John Moore, pastor; Father Carew, assistant; St. Peter's, Rev. A. F. Folchi, pastor. Very Rev. Father Birmingham, V. G., has just succeeded in finishing a chapel on Sullivan's Island, where stands Fort Moultrie, of Revolutionary fame; and on the ground where our present Cathedral stands, tower the romantic ruins of our once magnificent temple, a negro well established here now, though in the beginning they had to combat almost insurmountable difficulties, being so poor that they sometimes went to bed without knowing where the morning meal for the orphan, who are colored, would come from. But thanks be to God they are now prosperous, having under their kind charge the orphan, a school for girls, and one for boys, and also a free school for poor girls. We have one Parochial school, which, owing to a want of patronage, is in debt, and, as the one for colored children, under the care of Father Folchi, of St. Peter's, Father Moore, of St. Patrick's, has a school-house, but it is useless to open it now, for it would fall if he did. He is going to erect a new church on the site of the present one, which is too old and small; for which purpose, and also for paying the debt on the old church, he is now collecting money. The Sunday schools of all the churches are in a flourishing condition. I think there are libraries at all the churches, but I am certain of all but one, and I believe they are in the hands of the Rev. Father Quigley, a very young priest (his former pastor, Father Francis Jacquemet, is staying at present at St. Peter's Church, in this city. Father Folchi being on a mission throughout the State) one newly dedicated at Athens, and one at Edgefield, with Father Birmingham made a number of converts, for whom the church was built. Hon. M. P. O'Connor recently lectured both here and in Augusta, on the great Bishop England, and Bishop Lynch, and a few weeks ago on "The Infidelity of our Religion here, hoping that it may prove interesting to a few of the large number of your readers."

Dedication of a Bohemian Church in Baltimore.—On Sunday last, a spectacle was witnessed in the eastern section of the city which will long be remembered. The new Bohemian Saint Wenceslaus' Church, situated on North Central avenue, between Baltimore and Fayette streets, was solemnly dedicated to God, in the presence of an immense multitude of persons. The ceremony of the dedication of a church is at all times an event of great interest, but the present occasion proved doubly interesting from the fact that an unusually large number of clergy and laymen, in different languages, were preached during the day. For many years past, the Bohemians residing in Baltimore have been accustomed to frequent the German churches of St. Michael's, St. James', and St. Alphonsus'. Although their number is not very large, it is quite respectable, and they have always been noted for their attention to their religious duties and fidelity to the Catholic faith. It was only last year that the idea originated of erecting a church for special accommodation.—Baltimore Mirror, June 1.

Ordinations during Pentecost Octave.—Twelve priests—would to God it were a hundred!—were ordained last week, for the Diocese of New York. Four of them were for the Community of the Holy Spirit, on Fifty-ninth street. The other eight, ordained at the Provincial Seminary at Troy, New York, were for other missions. But, for the record! The Rt. Rev. Bishop Rosecrans, of Columbus, Ohio, on invitation of the Most Rev. Archbishop of New York, on Thursday and Friday of last week, conferred tonsure, minor orders, Subdeaconship, and deaconship, on a sundry members of the Patrists Community. Of those not raised to the priesthood, Messrs. Edward Brady and Andrew Byrne, received minor orders. Mr. James Mary Magdalen Stone, (lately known as Rev. James Kent Stone, D.D., of the Protestant Episcopal "persuasion," was admitted to tonsure and minor orders, May 25th, was a member of satisfaction to the community, and day of satisfaction to the church. To the people who attend that church.

Four young men were that day ordained Priests by Bishop Rosecrans. Augustin Michael Brady, Adrian Aloysius Rosecrans, Thomas Verni Robinson, Walter Elliott. Rev. Mr. Brady was a child of the quasi-

parish for which he was ordained. He was born and has grown up there; and, by his excellent qualities, has endeared himself to the very many. Rev. Mr. Rosecrans is the nephew of the Bishop that was called to ordain him. He is the oldest son of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans—who, as Americans have no memory for their own, even most recent history—it may be necessary to say, was a hard fighter, and, generally successful, during the late civil war. Rev. Mr. Robinson was an officer in the Confederate army, during the civil war, his home having been in Richmond. He is a convert, also, to the Catholic faith. Rev. Mr. Elliott is a son of the late Judge Elliott, of Detroit. He, too, was in the late civil war on the Federal side. In one or two battles, Mr. Elliott was on duty on the Federal, and Mr. Robinson on the Confederate side—but on different parts of the field. Now they stand, shoulder to shoulder, Captains in a far nobler militia, and brothers!

Ordinations at the Provincial Seminary of St. Joseph, N. Y.—On Friday, May 24th, and Saturday, May 25th—Rt. Rev. Bishop M'Neiry, officiating, the following persons were ordained Priests.

Archdiocese of New York—Revs. Patrick J. Brophy, James Flood, John J. Keoghan, John F. Lynch, Patrick Malone, John McQuirk, Wm. J. O'Kelly.

Diocese of Albany—Revs. John J. Cannon, Francis J. Maguire, Edw'd F. O'Connor, James Rosecrans.

Diocese of Boston—Revs. Michael Clarke, Christopher McGrath.

Diocese of Springfield—Revs. Charles E. Burke, John B. Daly, Daniel H. O'Neill, Patrick B. Phelan.

Diocese of Providence—Rev. William J. McCombe.

Diocese of Nashville, Tenn.—Rev. Michael J. Moloney.

Archdiocese of New York—Rev. Henry J. Gordon, being a few days under the required age, will be ordained next week. The Recapitulation is as follows: Were ordained Priests, 19; Deacons, 10; Subdeacons, 15; Were promoted to Minor Orders, 1; Tonsure, 21; Total, 80.—Free-Press Journal, June 1.

A Protestant writer in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle gives the following history of the scenes that he witnessed in the King's County Small-pox Hospital, while he was an inmate, suffering from disease. It strikingly illustrates the difference between Protestant and Catholic clergymen, a human and divine religion.

There were several negroes in Ward Number One when I passed the night there, a look at whom would have shocked the nerves of any but a medical man or an experienced nurse. One negro, however, recovered from an attack of the small-pox. While falling into a favored sleep, the movements of the man in the bed opposite mine began to attract attention; at the same time I was startled by a woman's gentle voice whispering in my ear: "Would you like to see the priest?" I shook my head—"Or the minister?" I said, "No," and Mrs. McGuire, the excellent matron of the establishment, went sorrowfully away. The patient in the bed opposite was a well developed, muscular man named Nelson, a Nova Scotia or New Brunswick skipper, whose wife was stopping at the Bath, near Bridge street, New York. He grasped me by the arm, and said, "I have been here some time. He groined. He threw his arms convulsively about. 'Henry,' said one of the patients, 'go to that man there.' The nurse went to Nelson's bedside, where something was said which I could not hear. At that moment, Chris, the other nurse, came up. 'Chris,' said Henry, 'Nelson wants to see a minister. I wish you would go and get one.' On the instant Chris went out. He was gone more than an hour. On his return, Henry, standing at the foot of No. 7, said, 'Well? 'I can't get the minister,' replied Chris. 'I went to the house of one Mr. Flatbush, and when I told what I came for, he said he would go on stairs and speak to his wife about it. Well, he goes up, and I hear he was abusing him a good deal; and pretty soon he comes down stairs, and he says, 'We have very respectable people about here; and they wouldn't like it; and, besides, my family would object, even though I might be willing to go myself. I will remember the poor man in my prayers at home. If you must have a minister, why, you could get one down in New York or Brooklyn, I dare say.' 'Chris,' I said, at a subsequent period, what was the name of the minister who wouldn't come to see Nelson?' Chris could not remember; but he gave a very full description of the locality where he lived. When I left the hospital, I inquired the name of the minister, and a timid gentleman Chris had visited, giving an account of where he lived—and the reply in every instance was the Rev. Dr. Van Kleek. And it is thus that, within sound of the voices of some of the best men and women living—human beings die like dogs every day. No Protestant minister ever treads within the tainted precincts of King's County Smallpox Hospital. Shortly before my discharge from that institution, an official said to me, 'There is a woman dying in No. 2 who wants to see a Protestant clergyman, and they don't know where to get one.'

If one turns to the conduct of the Catholic clergy the contrast will be noted with shame and humiliation. I was lying in a comfortable bed in a pleasant room, containing only three other patients. A murmur of voices awoke me from a dream, and there stood a young priest, book in hand, lips close to the ear of a small-pox patient in the height of his fever, whispering to him words of consolation and hope. The priest was the Rev. Father Dougherty, of the Catholic Church, Flatbush. This same brave man goes regularly into Number One and Number Two, (the women's ward), attends to the worst cases, and, leaving towards outside in their snug houses, performs heroic services, which I have seen and heard of. Many of this latitude, is capable of doing. Many of these are English, and another priest, a German, whose name I did not ascertain, visits them, and is fearless and faithful in the discharge of his duty, like his co-laborer, Father Dougherty.

The late Sir John Burgoyne is said to have been a frequent contributor to young ladies' albums. Here is one of his contributions:

You wish me a happy New Year as a toast. And a kindly good-will as it appears to me. But when you perceive I'm as deaf as a post. You should wish me two happy new years.

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INSURANCE COMPANIES. FIRST ANNUAL STATEMENT (FOR TERM OF TEN MONTHS) OF THE HIBERNIA INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS. 37 Camp Street.

Conformably to the charter, the President and Directors of the Hibernia Insurance Company publish the following statement of its business for the term of ten months ending April 30th, 1872:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Premiums on Fire Risks, Marine Risks, Unearned Premiums, and Net Earnings.

The foregoing is a true and correct transcript from the books of the Company, April 30, 1872. P. IRWIN, President. JOHN HENDERSON, Vice President. THOS. F. BRAGG, Secretary.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at New Orleans, the 31st day of May, 1872. W. J. CASTELL, Notary Public.

The Board has determined to pay in cash, to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on and after the 10th of July proximo, Ten Per Cent on the amount of capital stock paid in, and to place to the credit of stock notes a premium dividend of Thirty-Six Per Cent and a stock dividend of Eight and Four-Tenths Per Cent on amount paid.

P. IRWIN, President. JOHN HENDERSON, Vice President. THOS. F. BRAGG, Secretary. TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CRESCENT MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Gross Premiums, Net Profits, and Losses Paid.

The Board of Trustees resolved to pay interest at SIX PER CENT IN CASH on all the outstanding Certificates of Scrip, to the legal holders thereof, on and after the second Monday in June next.

They have also declared a Scrip Dividend of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENT on the earned premiums entitled to participate for the year ending April 30, 1872, for each certificate which will be issued on and after the first Monday in August next, free of Government tax.

THOS. A. ADAMS, President. SAM'L B. NEUMAN, Vice President. HENRY V. OGDEN, Secretary.

HOPE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS. FIFTEENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT. In conformity with the requirements of their charter, the Company publish the following statement:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Premiums received, On Fire Risks, Marine Risks, and Amount to credit of reserve fund account.

Less: Reserve Fund, Recovered for Risks not terminated, Cash Dividend of 10 per cent declared this day.

The Company's Assets: Invested in first mortgage bonds on real estate in the city, Bills receivable at short dates for premium, Cash on hand.

The above statement is a just and correct transcript from the books of the Company. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of May, 1872. ED BARNETT, Notary Public.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That a cash dividend of 10 per cent be hereby declared on the capital stock of the Company, out of the net earnings of the year ending April 30, 1872, payable on and after the 15th inst. to the stockholders or their legal representatives.

INSURANCE COMPANIES. NEW ORLEANS MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION. Office, No. 10 Exchange Alley, SECOND ANNUAL STATEMENT. In conformity with their charter, the Insurance Association publish the following statement:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Premiums for the year ending December 31, 1871, Fire Premiums, Marine Premiums, and Less Unearned Premiums.

Reinsurances, Internal Revenue, State and City Taxes, General Expenses, Reserved for unliquidated losses.

Net profits, Capital stock notes, Notes and bills receivable, Stock and bonds, Premiums in course of collection, Real estate, Cash on hand, Funds in Europe.

The above statement is a correct transcript from the books of the Insurance Association. G. LANAU, Secretary. O. CAVAROC, President.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of January, 1872. G. LANAU, Secretary. O. CAVAROC, President.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 6th of January, 1872, it was resolved that in lieu of the Ten Per Cent per annum on the capital paid in, and a dividend of Thirty-five per cent on the net earned participating premiums, be paid on and after the 15th of February next, in cash, to stockholders who have paid their subscription in full, and by credit on stock notes of subscribers on which balances are due.

It was further resolved, that stockholders will have to pay, on the 15th of February next, all balances then remaining due on their stock notes. G. LANAU, Secretary. O. CAVAROC, President.

Directors: Chas. Charreau, Arthur Polacy, Chas. de Boyer, Louis Polacy, Louis Hana, Jr., Louis Charreau, W. Agar.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. OF NEW ORLEANS. In conformity with the requirements of their charter the company publish the following statement:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Premiums received during the year ending May 31, 1871, including unearned premiums of the previous year.

Less: Unclaimed interest and interest payable July next, on all outstanding scrip of the company, Issues of scrip for the year ending May 31, 1871, Unearned premiums on May 31, 1871.

The above statement is a just, true and correct transcript from the books of the company. G. W. NOTT, Secretary. P. FOURCHY, President.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this third day of June, 1871. JOSEPH CUVILLIER, Notary Public.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the third day of June, 1871, it was resolved, to declare a Scrip dividend of THIRTY per cent on the net earned participating premiums for the year ending May 31, 1871, for which certificates will be issued on and after the third day of August next. Also, to pay, on and after the second Monday in July next, the whole issues of Scrip for the years 1863, 1864 and 1865, and SIX per cent interest on all outstanding Scrip of the Company.

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