

LETTER OF FATHER HYACINTHE.

The following is the text of the letter which, as advised by C. P. Father Hyacinthe, has been addressed to the General of his order in Rome.

My VERY REVEREND FATHER.—During the five years of my ministry at Notre Dame de Paris, despite the open attacks and secret persecutions of which I have been the object, your esteem and confidence have never failed me for a moment. I preserve numerous testimonies of them written by your own hand, and which were addressed as much to my preaching as to myself. Whatever may happen, I shall hold them in grateful remembrance. To-day, however, by a sudden change, the cause of which I do not seek in your heart, but in the intrigues of a party all powerful at Rome, you arraign what you encouraged, you ensure what you approved, and you require that I should speak a language or preserve a silence which would no longer be the entire and loyal expression of my conscience. I do not hesitate an instant. With language perverted by a command, or mutilated by reticence, I shall not ascend the pulpit of Notre Dame. I express my regret for this to the intelligent and courageous Archbishop who has given his pulpit to me, and sustained me there against the bad will of men of whom I shall speak at the proper time. I express my regrets to the imposing auditory who surrounded me there with its attention, its sympathies, I was nearly going to say its friendship. I would not be worthy of the auditory of the Archbishop, of my conscience, nor of God, if I would consent to act before them in such a rôle! I separate myself at the same time from the convent in which I have resided, and which under the new circumstances that have happened to me renders it for me, a prison of the soul. In acting thus I am not unfaithful to my vows. I have promised monastic obedience, but limited by the honesty of conscience, the dignity of my person and my ministry. I have promised under the benefit of that superior law of justice and of royal liberty which is, according to the Apostle St. James, the proper law of the Christian.

It is for the more perfect practice of this holy liberty that I came to ask at the cloister, now more than ten years ago, in the dawn of an enthusiasm free of all human calculation, I shall not venture to add free of the illusion of youth. If, in exchange for my sacrifices, I am to-day offered chains, I have not only the right but the duty to reject them. The present hour is solemn. The church passes through one of the most violent, dark, and decisive crises of its existence here below. For the first time in 800 years, an Ecumenical Council is not only convoked but declared necessary; such is the expression of the Holy Father. It is not in such a moment that a preacher of the gospel, were he the least of all, can consent to remain as the mute dogs of Israel, unfaithful guardians, whom the prophet reproaches as unable to bark. Canes muti, non valentes latrare. The saints were never silent. I am not one of them, but nevertheless I belong to their race, fili sanctorum rumis, and I have always been ambitious to place my steps, my tears, and, if necessary, my blood, in the tracks which they have left.

I raise, therefore, before the Holy Father and the Council, my protestation as Christian and preacher against these doctrines and practices, calling themselves Roman, but which are not Christian, and which in their encroachments, always most audacious and most baneful, tend to change the constitution of the Church, the basis as well as the form of her teaching, and even the spirit of her piety. I protest against the divorce, as impious as it is insane, which it is sought to accomplish between the church, who is our mother according to eternity, and the society of the nineteenth century, of whom we are the sons according to the times, and toward whom we have also some duties and attachments. I protest against this more radical and dreadful opposition to human nature, which is attacked and made to revolt by these false doctrines. I protest above all against the sacrilegious perversion of the Word of the Son of God himself, the spirit and the letter of which are equally trodden under foot by the pharisaism of the new law. It is my most profound conviction that if France in particular, and the Latin races in general are delivered over to social, moral, and religious anarchy, the principal cause is without doubt not in Catholicism itself, but in the manner in which Catholicism has during a long time been understood and practiced. I appeal to the Council above to meet, to seek for remedies for the excess of evil and to apply them with as much force as gentleness.

But if fears in which I do not wish to share, come to be realized, if the august assembly has not more liberty in its deliberations than it has already in its preparation, if, in a word, it is deprived of the essential characters of an Ecumenical Council, I will cry to God and men to call another truly united in the Holy Spirit, not in the spirit of party, and representing really the Universal Church, not the silence of some men, the oppression of others. "For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black: astonishment hath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?"—Jeremiah, viii. In fine, I appeal to your tribunal, O Lord Jesus! Ad tuum Domine Jesu tribunal appello. It is in your presence that I write these lines; it is at your feet after having prayed much, reflected, suffered, and waited much, that I sign them. I have confidence that if men condemn them on earth you approve them in heaven. That is sufficient for me living and dying.

FR. HYACINTHE. Superior of the Barefooted Carmelites of Paris, second preacher of the order in the province of Avignon. Paris-Passy, Sept. 20, 1869.

The new edifice for the church of St. John the Evangelist in the S. E. part of the city, has so far advanced that the basement has been fitted for Divine worship, and supplied with the appliances for Sunday-school work. The building formerly occupied on Reed street above Second was vacated, and the basement of the new one occupied on Sunday, Sept. 19th, when Dr. Newton preached in the evening and the collections were large and were appropriated towards the building fund. It is proposed to press the completion of the church with all vigor and at the earliest period possible.

City Bulletin.

—Rev. Alexander Shiras, D. D., has resigned the Principalship of the Protestant Episcopal Mission House, West Philadelphia, to take effect as soon as a successor shall have been secured.

—The U. P. Presbytery of Philadelphia held a regular meeting in the Chapel of the North U. P. Church, Philadelphia, on Monday and Tuesday, September 20th and 21st. Arrangements were made as to voting on sundry overtures from the Assembly, and for a report to Synod.

—The Fall Term of the P. E. Divinity School in West Philadelphia commenced on Thursday, Sept. 16th. The new junior class has fifteen members.

—On Monday afternoon, Sept. 27th, the corner-stone of Woodland Presbyterian church, West Philadelphia, was laid, with impressive ceremonies, in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. Revs. S. W. Dana, J. A. Henry, S. T. Lowrie, Drs. Beadle and Musgrave, and Rev. T. A. Cunningham took part in the exercises. In the box placed in the corner-stone the Basis of Union and the Hymnal were placed with the more usual documents. This church was organized March 23, 1866, with thirty-four members. The present pastor, Rev. W. Radcliffe, was called May 23d, and ordained and installed August 23rd of the same year. The congregation have been worshipping in a temporary frame building, which they erected for the purpose on Pine street, near 41st. It soon became too small for their growth. Efforts were made to erect a larger and more substantial structure, but were without effect until the present lot, south east corner of Pine and Forty-second streets, was secured, and steps for building immediately taken. The lot is 127 feet on Forty-second street, and 150 feet on Pine, costing \$13,500. The church is to front 79 feet on Forty-second street, running 98 feet on Pine. Tower 150 feet. It is to be built in Gothic style, the base to be granite, the body of the church of serpentine stone, with brown stone trimmings. The auditorium is to have 138 pews, capable of seating 700 persons on the ground floor. The estimated cost is \$40,000, to be completed September 1st, 1870.

—St. Andrew's Lutheran church—Rev. Dr. Stork's—was organized about three years ago, and worships in a hall, corner of Broad and Arch streets. It numbers more than a hundred communicants, and has an efficient Sunday-school. A lot, now worth \$60,000, was purchased and deeded to the congregation by Rev. J. E. GRAEFF, on the condition, that a church edifice should be built upon it within three years, and secured to the General Synod and its adherents. The incumbrance upon the lot is \$25,000, but a part can be sold for from ten to fifteen thousand dollars. Towards the erection of the church \$15,000 more have been subscribed, and \$30,000 more are needed to place it under roof, and prepare the first story for occupancy. The building was commenced last spring, but an injunction, enforced by a few contiguous property holders, put a stop to it. The final decision by the Supreme Court may be secured either in October or January, and it is confidently believed that it will be favorable to the congregation.

—Dr. Dorr's will, besides other bequeathed leaves: "To Christ Church, Philadelphia, \$5000, for an endowment fund to preserve the present building, and to perpetuate the Protestant Episcopal Church forever. To Christ Church, Philadelphia, five hundred volumes of his library, for the use of rectors and members. Also, the stereotypic plates and the titles and rights to all of his works, for the use of the Sunday-school. Also, to each of the poor members of the church who are now receiving aid, \$10. To Christ Church, Philadelphia, \$1000 for an endowment fund to sustain a week day school, the income to be added to the principal for ten years, or until the amount becomes sufficient to support said school."

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OBITUARIES. SMITH.—Died, Sept. 6, at Clifton Springs, Martin M. Smith, a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian church of Pike, N. Y.

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The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America will meet, by adjournment, in the Third Presbyterian church, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on Monday, November 15th, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Answers to the Resolutions are to be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly by Rev. Dr. EDWIN F. HATFIELD, Stated Clerk. J. GLENTWORTH BUTLER, Perm. Clerk.

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