

FIRST BISHOP OF ALTOONA

Monsignor Garvey Consecrated in St. Peter's Cathedral by Cardinal Martinelli.

CEREMONIES WERE VERY IMPRESSIVE

Present Beside the Cardinal Were Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, Bishop Hoban, Fitzmaurice, McQuaid and Prendergast and Upwards of One Hundred Priests. Bishops Hoban and McQuaid Were the Assistant Consecrators—After His Elevation to the Bishopric, Bishop Garvey Was Presented with \$3,105 by the Priests of the Scranton Diocese.

For the second time in its history, Scranton, yesterday, was the scene of the consecration of a bishop, the elevation of Mons. Eugene A. Garvey to the See of Altoona. It is a ceremony that is given to few to see more than once in a lifetime, and than which the Roman Catholic church, with all its wealth of ceremonies, has nothing more imposing, outside the Roman curia, save only the investiture of a cardinal.

Sunday, March 26, 1886, when Bishop Hoban was elevated to the episcopacy, Scranton witnessed this sublime spectacle for the first time. It was then the third and youngest of the spectators could hope to see it repeated. Yesterday's throng at the cathedral contained hundreds who attended the preceding consecration. There would have been hundreds more of those same had there been room for them.

But it would require a church of double the dimensions of the spacious St. Peter's cathedral to accommodate those who sought tickets of admittance to yesterday's event. Those who saw the former consecration wanted to see another; those who had heard these tell of it were desirous of seeing it for themselves, and then in addition were the thousands of personal friends of the bishop-elect, in this city, Carbondale, Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, and Pittston, especially, who would consider one of the greatest events to be present when such a great honor was to formally come upon him.

As it was the attendance had to be limited to the capacity of the auditorium, and the invitations were regaled accordingly. Six hundred tickets were allotted to Pittston and all of these were presented. There was not a parish of any note in the whole diocese but what sent a delegation, and from every diocese in the state, as well as places in other states came friends to rejoice with the new bishop on this most joyous occasion. It was an assembly, too, as representative as it was extensive, many of the most prominent men of the region entering into its composition.

A cardinal, an archbishop, four bishops and more than a hundred priests and the deacons and prelates, prelates were the illustrious Martinelli, personal representative of the pope in the United States. Most Rev. P. J. Ryan, of Philadelphia, head of the archdiocesan see, of which Scranton is a part, and one of the brainiest and most generally revered churchmen in America; Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, the venerable head of the See of Rochester, Rt. Rev. John E. Fitzmaurice, the new bishop of Erie; Rt. Rev. Edmund F. Prendergast, auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, and Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, of Scranton, who already had proved to the satisfaction of his people that something more than temporal judgment entered into the selection of the worthiness of the church. Of the ones who spoke yesterday were men of note, and not a few were prominent in the leading religious orders.

The ceremony of itself is designed in the ritual to be beautiful as well as solemn and impressive. It was made the more beautiful yesterday by the entrancing decorations of the sanctuary, the natural beauty of the cathedral auditorium, the elaborate music, and not the least, the bright, warm sunshine that fairly overflowed the color-loaded interior, with the hues it absorbed in its passage through the rich stained windows.

The permanent beauty of the sanctuary, with its white marble alters and the crimson draperies of the throne and Sacred Heart shrine, were enhanced by a profuse floral embellishment, the whole making an entrancing setting for the kaleidoscopic series of most attractive pictures that were presented to the eyes of the congregation. The cardinal, purple, crimson, white, and gold, predominating in the vestments of the prelates and their retinues, were heightened in their effect by being contrasted with the sombre black of the hundred ordinaries surrounding them. Not the least of the tact of the pictures was that pre-

PRESIDENT TO BISHOP

The ceremony being all concluded, the assistant consecrators escorted Bishop Garvey to a chair at the middle of the altar railing and when he was seated Rev. N. J. McManus, rector of Holy Rosary church, Scranton, presented him with an unbrushed address and a check for \$2,95, subscribed by the priests of the diocese. Rev. Father McManus, in making the presentation, said:

Right Rev. Eugene A. Garvey, D. D.

Bishop! In the name of the priests of the Scranton diocese, I salute, and in brotherly congratulation bid you high and exalted dignity to which you have this day been raised by our Most August Pontiff, Leo XIII, though we are few and representative. His Eminence Cardinal Martinelli,

Wise, your brethren of the clergy, rejoice in your elevation and bear testimony that the honor thus conferred was well merited. Well do we remember when the disease rendered Bishop O'Hara amenable to the priest, scarcely two years in the ministry, to provide over the troubled congregation of the Church of the Annunciation, Williamsport, a congregation which from cases that I will not name, was nearly lost to the faith. Spiritually it was a difficult task, but the "spiritual exertion of priests and bishops" was the sentiment expressed by one member and entertained by many, they were weakened in the faith, they did not abandon it, because they knew that that was the will of God, rather than for them the words of eternal truth.

Your ready character, your dignified, poised zeal, your earnest preaching of the word, soon rekindled their faith, the Catholic education you provided for their children won their hearts, and the love of their pastor, the love of the church, was a natural and reasonable outcome. The material changes soon followed. We all pray that God will spare him for the remainder of his life that he may continue in the ministry of his calling for many years to come as he has been in the past. I am sure that we will all unite in offering up a fervent prayer that He will save President McKinley to his people." Continuing Dr. Kelly said:

"On an occasion of this kind it is usual to speak of the grandeur of the episcopacy," and then he told of the able men of the church, including St. Thomas of Aquinas, who, he said, was one of the greatest intellects probat-

ed to have ever lived, and that he was

selected to be selected by the hierarchy of the province four different times for as many different dioceses. It was no small honor for the greatly lamented Bishop O'Hara to travel to Erie when sickens and suffering over would have prompted otherwise, to place your name on the list for the coadjutorship of that diocese.

We can imagine how a new joy fills the heart of the great prelate, when looking from "Eternal Hills," he sees today the honor he wished conferred on you so young, years to

come from the north gallery where nearly two hundred nuns were massed. The whole was of such an inspiring nature that no restlessness was evident among the spectators, though the ceremony continued from 10:15 o'clock a. m. until 1:55 p. m.

DETAILS OF CEREMONY.

The first step in the ceremony, the procession to the cathedral, was begun promptly at 10:15, the priests preceding the prelates from the episcopal residence to the sanctuary railing, where the priests opened order and allowed the prelates and their suite to enter first.

The priests disposed themselves about the steps of the sanctuary, and in the next few moments all went outside the railing. Archbishop Ryan, Bishop McQuaid and Prendergast took seats just in advance of the ordinaries each with his chaplains beside him.

Cardinal Martinelli ascended the bishop's throne, and Bishop-elect Garvey, with his assistant consecrators and their several chaplains, proceeded to a chapel arranged at the St. Joseph altar. All except the consecrator and bishop-elect had vested before entering the church, the priests in College hall, and the prelates, with their attendants, in the episcopal residence. The vesting of the consecrator and bishop-elect was begun as soon as all were in place. Cardinal Martinelli, being an Augustinian, wore the black cloak of that order, his predominant coloring being the black of his cassock.

When both were vested for the mass, the cardinal ascended the altar and took a seat on a throne-chair, or scaffold, facing the congregation. Bishop-elect Garvey, accompanied by the assistant consecrator, sat at the foot of the altar, facing the consecrator. Then followed the reading by the lector of the apostolic mandates, conferring upon Bishop Garvey the dignity of the bishopric and assigning him to his see.

Next the bishop-elect took the oath of obedience, kneeling before the consecrator, and this being concluded, the consecrator asked a long series of questions of the bishop-elect, touching upon his beliefs.

The bishop-elect next receives most of the insignia of the bishopric, including the pectoral cross, and prostrating himself in front of the altar, his hands open above his head and spreading his hands over, says to the bishop-elect, "Receive the Holy Ghost." After the singing of the "Veni Creator," the head and neck of the bishop-elect are bound with white cloths, and his head anointed with holy chrism, the hair having been previously shaved off of a watch. The consecrator then blesses him and declares him a bishop.

The consecrator then lays his hands on the shoulders of the new bishop, and the ceremony of anointing his hair is repeated. I pray God may shower his choicest blessings upon you and cause you to continue, as you have been in the past, worthy of your exalted position and worthy to receive the crown promised for devoted service.

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