

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Opening of First Congress of Its Devotees in America.

FOUR HUNDRED PRIESTS ATTEND

Called to Order by Bishop Maes—A Short Address by Cardinal Gibbons—Letter of Commendation from the Pope—Celebration of High Pontifical Mass by Mgr. Satolli—Sermon by Bishop Keane—Meeting of Archbishops—The Programme.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

- 9:30 a. m.—Second Session of the Congress at the Catholic University.
- Lunch at the University.
- 2:30 p. m.—Third and Last Session, followed by a Procession on the University Grounds and Benediction.
- 8:00 p. m.—Reception to the Members of the Eucharistic Congress in Carroll Institute, Washington, D. C.

The Eucharistic Congress was formally opened yesterday afternoon at the Catholic University under the patronage of Cardinal Gibbons and the presidency of Bishop Maes, of Covington, Ky., who called the assembled delegates to order. Preliminary to the opening of the congress a grand pontifical mass was celebrated by Mgr. Satolli in St. Patrick's Church, at which Bishop Keane delivered the sermon. At 8 o'clock in the evening the delegates attended the solemn adoration of the most blessed sacrament, with benediction, at St. Patrick's Church. There was also a meeting of the archbishops at the university in the afternoon, as well as some minor proceedings, all of which, however, were more or less intimately related to the business of the congress. A large concourse of people witnessed the high mass in the morning, but only the delegates and representatives of the press were admitted to the session of the league in the afternoon. Altogether about 400 ecclesiastics of all ranks and titles occupied seats.

The Eucharistic Congress was called to order by Bishop Maes at about 3 o'clock. It was opened by Cardinal Gibbons with a prayer, uttered in Latin, during which the cardinal and bishops on the platform, as well as the entire congregation of priests, knelt low on the floor, the words of the cardinal being repeated by the devotees, according to the Catholic ritual. Bishop Maes then delivered a brief address, in which he said that it was meet that the first Eucharistic Congress ever held in the United States should be held in the greatest university in the country. After explaining in a few well-chosen words the significance of the holy Eucharist and the relation of the priesthood to the same, he called upon Cardinal Gibbons for some remarks. The cardinal was loudly applauded as he arose from his chair.

The Pope's Letter.
He said that he was the custodian of a letter from the Pope, in which his holiness spoke in most encouraging terms of this congress. He wished, he said, he could give those assembled an idea of the enthusiasm expressed by his holiness, when informed by the speaker of the intention to hold it. He commended the congress in the strongest language. In this age of abnormal intellectual development, the Pope said, there was need of a centripetal power to counteract the centrifugal, and that power was to be found in the Eucharistic Congress. His eminence expressed the hope that this would result in many congresses, and be a source of greater love and knowledge of Christ among the beloved citizens of the United States.

Bishop Maes then called upon Rev. James Mitchell, of Brooklyn, to step upon the platform and read the papal letter, which he did. The letter was, of course, in Latin. At the conclusion of the reading, Bishop Maes said: "For the benefit of the press, which I am happy to see avail itself of this opportunity to undo a great many breaks of the past, I will have the letter read in English." Rev. Mitchell, accordingly, read the following:

To Our Beloved Son, James, Cardinal Gibbons, &c.:
Health and apostolic benediction. As we are of opinion that all manner of Catholic congresses should be promoted always by our approval, we are likewise resolved to bestow our special favor upon those which for their ends have the glorification of the divine eucharist, and indeed with no slight pleasure we have witnessed the faithful in many of the countries of Europe assembling for this purpose under the guidance of their bishops, but our consolation was supreme when, two years ago, we saw them gathering from afar in Jerusalem, and we have felt our joy greatly increased by those most abundant fruits of piety which have everywhere accrued to the immense advantage of religion. We have learned with exceeding great pleasure that a eucharist congress, with delegates from all of the United States of America, is to be held in Washington during the month of October; wherefore, beloved son, we commend your determination, and earnestly pray God to lead your endeavors to the success for which you long. But, what we wish most of all, however, is that your congress and your united prayers may effect the result which as you know we have most at heart; that is, that all who differ from us may be brought back to the unity of faith and charity. Meanwhile, as a pledge of our fatherly affection and as the harbinger of divine gift, receive the apostolic benediction which we lovingly grant to yourself and to all who shall take part in the eucharistic congress.

LEO XIII.

Welcomed by Bishop Keane.
The reading of the letter was received with great applause, and the Cardinal then extended his congratulations, and expressed the hope that "all who differ from us may be brought back." He invoked a blessing upon the congress, and then retired to attend a session of the archbishops in divinity hall.

By invitation of Bishop Maes, Bishop Keane addressed the delegates in a short speech of welcome on behalf of the university. They were ten thousand times welcome, he said, to all the accommodations which the university authorities could extend to the visitors. He spoke briefly of the university. Heretofore, he said, young priests only had been educated at the institution. From to-day forward it would be open to the laity. He would be glad for the divinity students to take an active interest in the eucharistic league and identify themselves with it. He had personally urged them to attend the sessions, and he would further lead the way by making a public application then and there to be taken up as a member of the league. He had not known how to go about it before to gain admission, but he proposed to find out, and if he proved acceptable, he would become a member of it. He then announced that the Catholic laity of Washington was desirous of showing its sympathy with the object of the congress by tendering the delegates a reception at Carroll Institute this evening.

The secretary, Rev. Mitchell, read the greetings from the directors general of the league in India, Germany, and elsewhere, which were received with applause, and then Bishop Maes called for the reading of the papers. Three papers were read, as follows:

Rev. F. R. Dyer, D. D., S. S., of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, "The place of the holy eucharist in the divine plan of salvation."

Rev. D. McMahon, D. D., of St. Thomas' Church, New York city, "The holy eu-

charist and the personal life of the priest."

Rev. D. F. Feehan, of St. Bernard's Church, Fitchburg, Mass., "The holy eucharist and the ministry of the priest."

These were all of a doctrinal character. Committees were appointed on each paper. The reading of the various papers having carried the session well along toward evening, the league adjourned until this morning, when it will resume its labors.

HIGH PONTIFICAL MASS.

The Initial Event of the Day at New St. Patrick's Church.

The high pontifical mass at St. Patrick's Church, which was celebrated in the morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, brought together the largest throng of priests and prelates which the historic structure has ever seen. The ceremonies were at once imposing and magnificent. The interior of the church has recently been entirely redecorated at a cost of \$50,000, and is now the finest church in the city.

Through the magnificent stained glass windows the softened light of the bright October sun streamed over the kneeling multitude. Far up near the vaulted ceiling were clustered electric lights, which, although powerful, were so far away as to seem almost like stars. From around the pillars and statues and suspended from the arches the incandescent lamps threw their radiance against the walls and ceiling, bringing out the beautiful coloration of the church gold used with a lavish hand, and, combined with the blue and silver, makes the interior surpassingly beautiful. The new altar was lighted by hundreds of wax candles, whose luster was heightened by a number of electric lights incased in globes of unique design.

Within the altar rail were seated the highest ecclesiastics of the Catholic Church, who had come on to be present at the exercises of the week. These included nine archbishops, a dozen bishops, and a number of monsignori. They were Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore; the Most Rev. John Joseph Williams, Archbishop of Boston; the Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, Archbishop of Philadelphia; the Most Rev. Michael Augustine Corrigan, Archbishop of New York; the Most Rev. Elder Archbishop of Cincinnati; the Most Rev. Janssens, Archbishop of New Orleans; the Most Rev. Feehan, Archbishop of Chicago; the Most Rev. Mgr. Satolli, titular Archbishop of Lepanto, apostolic delegate to the United States, and celebrant of the mass.

Bishops and Monsignori.

Among the bishops were Right Rev. Mgr. Hortsman, Bishop of Cleveland; the Right Rev. Camillus Paul Maes, Bishop of Covington and president of the Eucharistic Congress; the Right Rev. John S. Foley, Bishop of Detroit; the Right Rev. Dr. Byrne, Bishop of Nashville; the Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Bishop of Mobile; the Right Rev. Donohue, Bishop of Wheeling, W. Va.; the Right Rev. Dr. Watterson, of Columbus, Ohio; the Right Rev. Micard, Bishop of Burlington; the Right Rev. Dr. McGovern, Bishop of Harrisburg, Pa.; the Right Rev. Dr. Phelan, of Pittsburgh; the Right Rev. Dr. Scanlon, Bishop of Nebraska; the Right Rev. Nilin, Bishop of Morantette; the Right Rev. Bishop Van de Vijver, Bishop of Richmond, and the Right Rev. J. J. Keane, Titular Bishop of Ajasso, rector of the Catholic University, who delivered the sermon at the mass.

Among the monsignori were Mgr. Stephan, head of the Indians' missions of the Catholic Church; Mgr. J. M. Farley, vicar general of New York; Mgr. Sbarretti, treasurer of the papal delegation, and the provincial of the Jesuits.

All this imposing array was clothed in the full pontifical robes of the high pontifical mass. The prevailing color was that of purple, pertaining to the archbishops, bishops, and monsignori, but Mgr. Satolli and his assistants were clothed with the heavy gold embroidered robes of the celebrant, and the cardinal wore the crimson robe and cap which he alone of all present was entitled to wear. Two thrones had been erected within the altar rail. The one to the left of the congregation was of crimson, on the dais of which the cardinal sat. Directly opposite was one of purple, on which Mgr. Satolli, the representative of the Pope and the celebrant of the mass, rested during the session. In the middle of the church, toward the front, sat nearly 300 delegates to the congress arrayed in their cassocks, covered with the white lace garment worn in celebrating mass. Here and there were scattered priests in the robes of the Benedictine and other orders of monks who are members of the League.

Grand Sacred Music.

The mass was begun by a rendition of magnificent sacred music from the most celebrated composers. Signor Maina, the director of the choir, had under him a full chorus of fifty mixed voices, and had arranged an elaborate musical programme suited to the occasion. They were materially assisted by the magnificent new organ which provided its capabilities under the touch of Prof. John Lawrence, at the organ recital Tuesday evening. The musical programme was as follows:

"Laudate Dominum," Gregorian; "Kyrie and Gloria," Gounod; "Veni Creator," solo and quartet; Shelly; "Gretto," Gounod; offertory, "Ave Maria," with violin obligato, E. Pizzi; "Sanctus Benedictus," Gounod; "Agnus Dei," Haydn, No. 2; benediction, "Salutaris, Tantum Ergo."

Mrs. Pauline Maina sang the "Ave Maria" at the offertory, and Mr. Sol. Minster played the violin obligato. Miss Louie Boone officiated at the organ, and the whole musical service was under the direction of Signor Mariano Maina, the leader of the choir.

The officiating priests at the mass were as follows:

Mgr. Satolli, celebrant; assistant priest, Rev. F. Murray, president Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio; deacons ad thronum, Rev. William McKenny, V. G., Jacksonville, Fla.; Very Rev. S. Fox, V. G., Green Bay, Wis.; deacon of mass, Rev. D. J. McMahon, rector St. Thomas' Church, New York; subdeacon, Rev. Costello, professor St. Paul's Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; masters of ceremonies, Rev. J. E. McGee, St. Patrick's Church, Washington, D. C.; Rev. G. Dougherty, St. Augustine's Church, Washington.

Bishop Keane's Sermon.

At the conclusion of the services, Bishop Keane ascended the pulpit and delivered the sermon to the delegates to the Eucharistic Congress. The bishop is noted throughout the country for his eloquence, and yesterday proved himself master of all the arts of rhetoric. His sermon was designed to place before the delegates to the congress the advantages of a closer relation to the holy eucharist, and a more devoted adherence to the principles set forth by Christ. He spoke of the great good to be derived from the Eucharistic League and, deploring the desecration of the Sabbath, said, "What are you doing to prevent this? How can you tire in this work, when men who claim to be in search of liberty are seeking license? Do you forget who I am?" asks the blessed Lord. "Do you forget that I am the lion of the tribe of Judah? Do you forget the scourges I have sent upon the wicked? Do you forget that I inspired my apostle, Paul, to pronounce the fearful warning that him who desecrates the temple of God I will destroy utterly, as the temple of God is sacred? Shall not the delegates of the eucharistic congress go home declaring that the world is God's, and that we will fight the evil one until he is driven out of the world?"

In concluding Bishop Keane spoke with great emphasis on the new world being the coming fountain of religion, faith, and glory, saying in brief that while Jerusalem, in which the last international eucharist congress was held, under the direction of the Pope, was the capital of the old religious world, so Rome was the capital of the new religion of Christ. But now the world sees that America is leading the world, and rightly is this congress held in the capital of the new world.

AN HOUR OF ADORATION.

Solemn Devotional Services Held at St. Patrick's Church Last Night.

The adoration of the eucharist was held at St. Patrick's Church last night from 8 till 9. It was one of the most impressive services of the Congress, and was attended by all of the leading clergymen. The church was in semi-darkness, but the altar was brilliantly lighted with many candles, while the red light of the sanctuary glowed above the chancel. The celebrant was Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati, who was assisted by Father Glynn, the rector of the church, and Father McGee as master of ceremonies. The music was simply the benediction at the close of the ceremony, but was rendered by the full church choir and chorus, as at the preceding evening's service.

Among the clergymen who were present were Bishop Maes, of Covington; Archbishop Corrigan, Bishop Donoghue, of Wheeling; Bishop Horstman, Bishop Byrne, of Natchez; Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis; Bishop Van Deviver, Rev. H.

Mekel, of Highland, Ill.; Rev. Beue Maler, together the largest throng of priests and prelates which the historic structure has ever seen. The ceremonies were at once imposing and magnificent. The interior of the church has recently been entirely redecorated at a cost of \$50,000, and is now the finest church in the city.

MEETING OF ARCHBISHOPS.

They Transact Only Diocesan Business of Little Public Interest.

The annual meeting of the archbishops of the United States was held at the Catholic University yesterday afternoon. It was impossible for all the archbishops to be present, but nine out of the fourteen were there. These were Cardinal Gibbons, as archbishop of Baltimore; Archbishop Williams, of Boston; Archbishop Corrigan, of New York; the archbishop of St. Louis; Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati; Archbishop Hennessy, of Duquesne, Iowa; Archbishop Janssens, of New Orleans, and Archbishop Vertin, of Marquette, who represented Archbishop Ketzner, of Milwaukee, at present absent in Rome.

Cardinal Gibbons, as the head of the church, was seen to-night at the university. He said the meeting was in accordance with the resolution of the archbishops to gather once a year, whether they had any business to transact or not. On this particular occasion they had none of importance or of interest to the general public. They had considered merely the minor matters relating to the different dioceses.

The subject of schools was not brought up, the cardinal said. No important matters were laid before them, and none acted upon. He said there was nothing in the story that Archbishop Chapelle was to be transferred from the province of New Mexico to that of Denver, and this matter was not brought up at the meeting. It is deemed somewhat significant that Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, has been conspicuous by his absence from the meetings and ceremonies through the week. A letter was received from him Monday, stating that he would not be able to be present, but what reasons he gave are not known. It is understood that all the annual meetings of the archbishops will in the future be held at the Catholic University, probably at the same time as the meeting of the board of directors of the university, as a number of the archbishops are on the board.

CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION.

Cardinal Gibbons Doubts that Mgr. Stephan Will Arrange Secretary Smith.

The board of directors of the Catholic Indian Mission held an important meeting at the university yesterday. This board consists of Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Williams, of Boston; Corrigan, of New York, and Ryan, of Philadelphia, and Mgr. Stephan. Cardinal Gibbons declined to give out any action taken by the board, as its meeting was of an entirely secret nature. He denounced as utterly untrue the published statement that Mgr. Stephan is preparing to arrange Secretary Smith before the Catholics of the United States on account of his attitude toward the Indian mission bureau of the Catholic Church.

There will be no change in the policy of the church in dealing with the board of missions, and the present board of directors will remain in office. Mgr. Stephan will continue at the head of the board and represent them in their dealings with the government. It can be authoritatively stated that the board approves of Mgr. Stephan's handling of the missions.

At the Hotels.

There are registered at the different hotels the following members of the Catholic Church, who arrived yesterday: At the Arno—Reverends Aug. J. Huttner, Wemarton, Mo.; R. Shaw Weiss, St. Genevieve, Mo.; L. Hayden, Ludington, Mich.; Edw. A. Caldwell, Big Rapids, Mich.; George J. Wolf, Philadelphia, Pa.; R. Sweener, Portland, Conn.; F. F. Kraemer, Little Rock, Ark.; George Meyer, Bayonne, N. J., and the Rev. Dr. Wrenker, Pittsburg, Pa.

At the Ebbitt—Revs. G. W. Schmitt, New York city; W. J. Drane, Philadelphia; James J. Higgins, Philadelphia; Norton, Philadelphia; W. A. Curry, Philadelphia; John Ivers, Springfield, Mass.; Sylvester Malone, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Adam Schmitt, Cincinnati, Ohio; P. Maximilian Schaeffer, O. S. F., Cincinnati, Ohio; J. B. Dougherty, Newark, Conn.

At the Oxford—The Rev. Aph. M. H. Schaecker.