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PRESENTATION CEREMONIES AT WASHINGTON

A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS TOGETHER WITH A FULL TEXT OF ALL THE ADDRESSES, AS APPROVED BY THE SPEAKERS THEMSELVES

ON April 13, at four o'clock in the afternoon, acting as representative of the Order, Supreme Knight Edward L. Hearn presented the Catholic University of America at Washington the Fund collected for the establishment of a Chair of American History at that institution. The gift was accepted by the Chancellor, James Cardinal Gibbons.

The event was the occasion of a great demonstration of the strength, wealth and Catholic fealty of the Knights of Columbus. A great concourse of Knights, their friends and families had assembled, and the crowd on the University grounds in front of McMahon Hall, where the ceremonies took place, numbered about 10,000. Enthusiasm ruled. The speeches were received with constant applause, that of the Cardinal being greeted at its close by a round of cheers led by the Supreme Knight himself. Prominent in the assemblage were bishops and archbishops of the country, the leaders of the Order and eminent citizens connected or in sympathy with us from all over the country.

His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, arrayed in the scarlet robes of his office, occupied the place of honor on the platform, and about him were grouped the hierarchy of America. At the right of the Cardinal, facing the audience, were Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati; the Rt. Rev. P. J. Garrigan, Bishop of Sioux City; Mgr. O'Connell, Rector of the Catholic University; and on the Cardinal's left Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia; Archbishop Farley, of New York; Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, and Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque.

Other noted priests on the platform were: Archbishop Glennan, of St. Louis; Bishop Spalding, of Peoria; Bishop Horstmann, of Cleveland; Bishop Maes, of Covington; Bishop Foley, of Detroit; Archbishop Chapelle, of New Orleans; Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco; Rt. Rev. Matthew Harkins, Bishop of Providence, and Rev. D. J. Stafford, of Washington.

Representing the faculty of the University were: Dr. Grannan, Dr. Griffin, Dr. Robinson, Dr. Shea, Prof. Placc, Prof. Shanahan, Prof. Egan, Prof. Hyrernat, Prof. E. L. Greene, Prof. McGuire, Prof. Bolling, Prof. Melody, Prof. Neill, Prof. Zahn, Prof. Hassett, Prof. Healey, Prof. Shields, Prof. Aiken, and Prof. Creagh.

Knights were present in large numbers from all over the country. New England sent a large delegation, Canada was well represented, crowds came from New York, Pennsylvania and the states nearer the District of Columbia; Chicago, the central sections, the West, even the Pacific Coast sent representatives. The assemblage emphasized the national nature of our Order, and the enthusiasm witnessed the unanimity of feeling prevailing.

The hospitality of the Washington Councils towards the many visitors was untiring. Receptions, smoke-talks and entertainments took place every evening—most of the delegations remained two or three days, and every attention and courtesy was shown the visitors. The presentation took place on April 13; the next day the President received the members of the Order in a private reception. Later in the afternoon the Apostolic Mission House was dedicated, at which many members of the Order were present.

On our cover will be seen a picture of the great check for Fifty Thousand Dollars. The check is the largest ever made, being ten feet long and four feet wide. After it has passed through the ordinary course of business it will be returned to the National Office and will then be hung in the great hall of the new National Headquarters in New Haven. The names of the contributing Councils

are engrossed on the check, arranged according to the proportionate rank of their contributions. The complete sum collected was \$55,633.79. After deducting the slight sum expended on the check, etc., the balance of the money was turned over to the University to purchase the beginnings of a special library for the new Chair.

The speeches appear below in the order of their delivery.

INVOCATION BY ARCHBISHOP RYAN OF PHILADELPHIA

ETERNAL and Most Sacred God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we adore Thee! We come to offer of our substance to Thee; to give for the education of Thy children, that it may in future redound to Thy Glory; and we say to Thee, O Omnipotent Father, that Thou shouldst send Thy benediction upon this great country; and upon this great representative institution send forth wisdom, that sitteth by Thy throne, that it may illumine the intellects and warm the hearts and unify the spirits that shall here learn to perpetuate the great benediction which Thou hast bestowed on man.

O Eternal Father, in the words, and by the Merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, we lift up our hearts and faces to Thee, and say: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

And Thou, Second Person of that Holy and Everlasting Trinity; Light of Light; True God of True God; Begotten, not made; consubstantial to the Father by Whom all things were made; Who, for our salvation became incarnate of the Holy Ghost and the Blessed Virgin Mary; Who was made Man and granted to us the blessing of Thy Redemption, be with us in all our days; be with our families; bless us, O Lord and Savior!

And Thou, Spirit of God, Who proceedeth from the Father and Son; Who, together with the Father and Son art adored and glorified; O Spirit of God, give to this hour Thy Light and Grace and Hope; and perpetually give to those who have to teach here the illumination that is necessary for their personal knowledge, and for the sanctification and education of Thy children.

And thou, too, O Holy Mother of God; Seat of Wisdom; Spouse of the Spirit; Queen of the clergy; do thou kneel at the throne of the Blessed Trinity; pray to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, that the gift that is here offered may be accepted by the Most High, and that in turn He may send down from on High His choicest blessings.

SPEECH OF WELCOME BY THE VERY REV. RECTOR

KNIGHTS of Columbus: I am happy to welcome you to the halls of the Catholic University of America. You come here as friends, and in you we recognize a most distinguished body of gentlemen and citizens, assembled from all sections of this great republic; and in your corporate organization and in the standing of each individual of your membership, we regard you as one of the most noble and most energetic outcroppings of the Catholic Church in America in modern times.

You have always been friends, but today you come as more: you come as the patrons of this crowning work of the Catholic educational system in these

United States of America. You come here today to enlarge the sphere of this Pontifical Institution and to open here a foundation of learning whence students from all parts of this land, and for ages to come, may draw knowledge of this country's history from an uncontaminated source. This noble and useful work, I am sure, must be a motive of joy to the soul of him who first gave this country to the domain of history and whose name you have inscribed in honor on the banners of your organization.

You have founded here a Chair for the teaching of American History, and starting from today one of the first deeds that the Muse of History must record is the foundation of this very Chair. You have erected, besides, within the walls of this institution a monument to your organization that will tell to ages to come, while this granite abides, what sentiments of faith, of patriotism, and of culture, animated the Knights of Columbus of the present generation.

The University receives this endowment with gratitude, and pledges itself to administer with fidelity your sacred trust, remembering always to teach, in this capital of the nation, the history of that land which was discovered by Columbus, and which ever since has been so dearly loved and bravely defended by all those who, following in his wake, have come to these shores, bringing in their hearts the faith that animated the heart of Columbus.

PRESENTATION ADDRESS OF THE SUPREME KNIGHT

IT is a proud and distinguished honor for any layman, or body of laymen, to be permitted the privilege of association in so distinguished an assemblage as this; and the honor and distinction are commensurately enhanced by the esteemed favor of active participation in the events of the day.

This occasion is memorable indeed, not because of the particular transaction about to be completed, but rather because of the great potentiality of the act for future good, and because of the unshaken faith we have in the realization of all the expected benefits therefrom.

This has been long looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation by more than one hundred thousand devoted sons of Holy Church, more than one hundred thousand advocates of justice, right and truth, and we sincerely believe it will be regarded with sentiments of justifiable pride by all Catholics for all time.

I shall not impose upon you by any lengthy reference to the purpose of this gathering, for you are all conversant with the motive that brings us together in the nation's capital at this time. We are here to present to the Catholic University of America, in the name of the Knights of Columbus, the sum of \$50,000.00, with which to establish in the University a Chair of American History. The reasons why such an institution should exist are direct, imperious and valid; and they are, I believe, well set forth in the trenchant words of his Lordship, the Right Reverend Bishop of Sioux City, Bishop Garrigan, in his first address to the Knights of Columbus, in March, 1899. In that eloquent address, which will never pass from the memory of those fortunate enough to hear it, His Lordship said: "We ask you to join hands with us in correcting the many errors which have been spread abroad for the last hundred years, here and elsewhere, about our Church, about our Faith and