PREAMBLE.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted during last year's Provincial Chapter of the Province of St. Paul of the Cross, which is the North American Province of the Congregation of Regular Clerics of the Most Holy Passion and Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, a number of the Fathers assembled in the Monastery of St. Paul of the Cross, Pittsburgh, S.S. Pa., to hold their First Missionary Congress. The character of the proceedings was meant to be purely deliberative, and in no sense of the word legislative. The aim of the reunion was, by personal contact, and a mutual interchange of views to strengthen fraternal harmony and the *esprit de corps*, and to promote the efficiency of their labors in the harvest fields of their divine Master. The Fathers assembled and assisted at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on the morning of 25th January, 1894, preliminary to the opening of the Congress. The following pages will give a record of the proceedings.

The fact that this report is published, not to be submitted to the general public, but for private circulation among Passionists, will be a sufficient explanation of the method and matter of this pamphlet.

FIRST SESSION.

JANUARY 25TH, 1894, THURSDAY, 9 A.M.

According to appointment the members of the Congress met in the library of St. Paul's Monastery, at 9 A.M. The Very Rev. John Baptist Baudinelli, C. P., Provincial, called the meeting to order. The assistance of the Holy Spirit having been invoked, the first Passionist Missionary Congress of the United States was declared to be in session.

The following is a list of the members:

President of the Congress:

VERY REV. JOHN B. BAUDINELLI, C. P., Provincial.

Monastery of St. Paul of the Cross.

VERY REV. THOMAS O'CONNOR, C. P.
VERY REV. GEORGE BASEL, C. P.
REV. J. LUKE BAUDINELLI, C. P.
REV. LEO HARRIGAN, C. P.
REV. ATHANASIUS SCHWINGLER, C. P.
REV. DOMINIC BRENNAN, C. P.

St. Michael's Monastery, West Hoboken, N. J.

VERY REV. JOSEPH AMRHEIN, C. P.
VERY REV. ROBERT MCNAMARA, C. P.
VERY REV. CHARLES LANG, C. P.
REV. ALPHONSUS ROSSITER, C. P.
REV. SEBASTIAN STUTTS, C. P.
REV. HYACINTH HAGE, C. P.

St. Mary's Monastery, Dunkirk, N. Y.

REV. MARK MOESLEIN, C. P.
REV. JAMES RYAN, C. P.

St. Joseph's Monastery, Baltimore, Md.

REV. GUIDO MATASSI, C. P.
REV. NORBERT MCCLOSKEY, C. P.

Holy Cross Monastery, Cincinnati, O.

REV. XAVIER SUTTON, C. P.
REV. ALBERT PHELAN, C. P.
REV. SIMON HERDRICH, C. P.

Sacred Heart Monastery, Louisville, Ky.

REV. ALOYSIUS M. BLAKELY, C. P.
REV. BONAVENTURE BROWN, C. P.
REV. ERASMUS GLOECKNER, C. P.
REV. EDMUND HILL, C. P.

Monastery of our Lady of Good Counsel, Normandy, Mo.

REV. MICHAEL KLINZING, C. P.
REV. ANGELO RAUBER, C. P.
REV. RAYMUND O'KEEFE, C. P.
REV. FIDELIS STONE, C. P.

St. Michael's Rectory, Pittsburgh SS., Pa.

REV. BERNARD HEHL, C. P.
REV. CHRISTOPHER SCHIESEL, C. P.
REV. FERDINAND IMIKUS, C. P.
REV. ANSELM CLEMENS, C. P.

Total number of members, thirty-two.

A coincidence worthy of notice, is that the Congress began its labors on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, the chief among Missionaries, and the pattern of all whose motto is: "We preach Christ and Him Crucified."

The members having taken their places, the Very Rev. President delivered the address of welcome.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

It is my pleasing duty, as well as my prized privilege, to welcome you, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, to this our Retreat of St. Paul of the Cross. It is not without very special reasons that this first Congress of our Missionary Fathers takes place here. This sacred spot may properly be called the cradle of the Passionists in this country. From these hallowed precincts the first Passionist Missionaries went forth in their fervid zeal and earnestness to preach Christ and Him Crucified: thus commencing that apostolic career which was to be continued by their successors in the sacred ministry. And here it is well to put it on record and to hand it down to posterity, how our three first Missionary Fathers, — Anthony of St. Peter, Gaudentius of St. Stephen, and Albinus of the Incarnate Wisdom, amid trials, labors, and difficulties, yet fresh in the memory of many of us — went from this very spot and sacred shrine of St. Paul of the Cross, animated and filled by the spirit of their saintly Father and Founder, and laid the foundations, opened, and paved the way for the future Passionist Missionary, and of his work.

Need I tell you, Rev. Fathers, how God has blessed us! The small abode which was first erected on this spot, is now supplemented by several large and commodious Retreats, and our three first Fathers are now succeeded

by a body of able and zealous Missionaries who have traversed nearly the length and breadth of these United States, giving many and important Missions.

It is indeed consoling and encouraging to see how the work of the Missions has flourished, — how it has grown and expanded. What a glorious field is open before us! What a harvest worthy of a St. Francis Xavier, or of a St. Paul of the Cross! And we, Rev. Fathers, are the favored ones to reap the harvest. — How happy we should be! how proud to do the work of the Lord!

I feel confident that as the past has been, so will the future also be, and as we have grown and flourished in the past, so shall we grow and flourish in the future, if we be equal to the responsibilities and duties that will devolve upon us. — Both Church and State are undergoing a great change. The Church is not what it was 30 or 40 years ago. With the advance of material progress, the social and intellectual condition of Catholics has changed. A higher standard of culture is necessary for the clergy. The people of nowadays are better educated, and those who come before them as teachers, are expected to be men not only of spotless lives, but also of refinement and scholarship; and we, Rev. Fathers, as true followers of Christ, should strive to fit ourselves to do the work of the ministry in an acceptable manner. Hence, in compliance with the injunction of our late Provincial Chapter, we have met together for consultation and conference, for council and deliberation, in order to increase the efficacy of our Missions. That we may be all the more fitted to do this work, we have met to devise means of improving and extending our usefulness, and rendering more fruitful our labors; for in "counsel there is wisdom."

It is fondly hoped by those interested in this Congress, that it will be of benefit to the Missionary, and to his work.

1st to the Missionary: Coming in contact with the other Fathers, exchanging views and comparing notes, his mind will be enlarged and broadened; his spirit will be inflamed with new ardor; he will go forth animated with renewed zeal and confidence in the great work which he is to perform. This will inspire him with a laudable desire to do his best to succeed. It will also be a source of joy to meet here, and to recount to one another our trials, our hopes, and our success in our labors.

2. The Mission-work also will be benefited. This subject will be better treated by another Father, but I would briefly remark that this work is the chief work of our institute; and when performed with system and order, according to our Rules and Regulations, it will obtain God's blessing, it will be done perfectly, and the field of our usefulness will be enlarged and extended.

In conclusion, let us pray that the spirit of St. Paul of the Cross may be with us: and may He who has said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them," give light to our understanding, that in all things we may be guided by wisdom and truth.

The Fathers listened to the address with evident pleasure, appreciating its cordiality and entire appropriateness.

The Very Rev. President appointed the Rev. Xavier Sutton, C. P., to act as temporary Secretary.

The Committee on Rules and Order of Business was then called upon for its report. The Rev. Xavier Sutton, C. P., read the report, which is here subjoined.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

This committee, consisting of V. Rev. Joseph Amrhein, V. Rev. Thomas O'Connor, and Rev. Xavier Sutton, having been appointed by V. Rev. John Baptist Baudinelli, C. P., Provincial, to draw up Rules and Order of Business for the Congress, met, and on Tuesday, January 22d, adopted the following:

1. The morning session of the Congress shall convene at 9 o'clock, and close at 11:30. The afternoon session shall open at 3 o'clock, and close at 6.

2. A Secretary and assistant shall be chosen by ballot.

3. A committee of three, *on New Business to be brought before the Congress*, shall be appointed by V. Rev. President. Any member wishing to propose a matter for discussion, shall submit it in writing to *this committee;* and the committee will determine if it be proper to introduce it, and also the *order* in which it shall be taken up. An appeal from this committee may be made to the President.

The *President* shall also appoint a committee on *Resolutions.*

RULES OF ORDER.

1. No motion shall be open for discussion till it has been seconded, and stated by the President; the mover shall have the privilege of withdrawing such motion at any time before the question is stated.

2. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote.

3. A motion to suppress entirely a question, or limit debate, shall require a two-thirds majority, and a motion thus dismissed shall not be entered on the *minutes* unless by a vote of the Congress.

4. The *Schema* of the Congress as submitted by the committee shall constitute the *Order of the day.*

5. In case of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise in his place, and address the President; he shall confine himself to the subject under discussion.

7. No one shall be interrupted whilst speaking, unless if recognized by the President; [a]to make a point of order; [b]to ask a question; [c]or for a matter of privilege.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be in order except:

a.) To adjourn;

b.) To lay on the table;