

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