## ARCHBISHOP BLENK FORMALLY WELCOMED BY CATHOLIC LAITY.

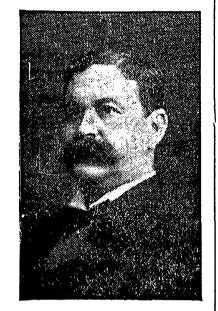
A Great Public Gathering at French Opera House, With Judge Parlange Presiding,

Governor Blanchard and Mayor Behrman Among the Speakers, and Paul Capdevielle Delegated Orator-A

Dramatic Closing Scene.

The welcome extended Archbishop last night by the city's Catholic laity was a most memorable and significant event. The addresses were full of sincere esteem in their expressions of welcome, and the immense audience repeatedly applauded the speakers, Hon. Charles J. Theard, Chairman of the Executive Committee. Chairman of the Eexecutive Committee, who called the assembly to order; Judge Parlange, who presided over the meeting and made an elo-quent address; Governor Blanchard, Mayor Behrman and Hon. Paul Cap-deville, who was the orator of the

occasion.
There were many none-Catholics in the audience and many ladies were present. The decorations were very handsome and appropriate, and the musical programme, divided into three parts, so as to harmonize with

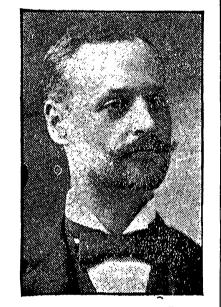


Who Presided at the Public Recop-

the introductory, the addresses and the greetings, was excellently given by Prof. George L. O'Connell's Or-chestra. The Archbishop was greatly pleased when the orchestra played, as the opening number of part third, "Reveries of St. Jumes," composed for the Archbishop by Miss Marguerite Points, when he was a priest, and re-President of Jefferson College, St. James Parish.

The Archbishop enthused the au-dience when in the percention of his response to the addresses of wel-come he extended his hand to the Governor and requested the pledge and promise of His Excellency's loyalty to God and to country, promising in return to co-operate in all matters in which the Church can aid the State.

The speciators went wild with en-thusiasm when the Governor, ac-cepting the Archbishop's proffered



CHARLES J. THEARD, Chairman Committee of Arrange-

hand, grasped it heartily and nodded his head in vigorous assent. The gentlemen who escerted the Archbishop and the speakers of the evening were: Mr. John T. Gibbons, escorting the Archbishop; Mr. Hugh McCloskey, with Governor Blanchard;

Colonel John P. Sullivan, with Mayor Behrman; Hon. Clarence S. Herbert, with Judge Parlange, and Mr. T. G. Rapler, with Ex-Mayor Paul Capdevielle.

Major C. M. Murphy and Major J.

Rev. Giral Girault

Lanier LeNeve and Rev. Giral Girault de la Corgnias, Chaplain of the Govce la Corgnias, chapitain of the Governor's Staff, accompanied His Excellency, and the Archibishop had with him Very Rev. P. M. L. Massardier, J. M. Laval, Jos. Sublicau, T. J. Larkin, J. Hanrahan, J. B. Bogaerts, P. Scotti and several other priests of the diocese, who were given seats upon the stage.

The magnificent public testimonial

was the closing ceromony of the elab-orate three days' programme pro-pared as a welcome to the new head of the Catholic Church in the great and historic Archdiocese of New Or-leans, which includes almost the entire gulf section and even Territory in its jurisdiction. even Indian

Hon, Charles J. Theard, who, with Messrs. T. P. Thompson and W. E. Scheppegrell, M.D., was intrusted with the arrangement of this reception, introduced the

VERY REV. FATHER J. M. LAVAL, who opened the proceedings with prayer, as follows:

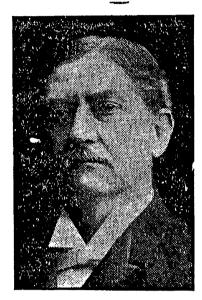
O God, the source of all true joy, prayer, as follows:

O God, the source of all true joy, thou hast prepared this day as one of great jubileo for us, thy children and thy people here assembled to welcome in our midst the presence of the Spiritual Father and Ruler whom thou, in the depth of thy mercies, hast chosen to guide us in the way of truth and justice. Deign, O God, send thy Fioly Spirit upon us, that we may fittingly express the sentiments of our unbounded gratitude towards thee for the gift wo have received from thy bountiful hands; assist us that we may also duly manifest our filial devotion, entire obedience and profound veneration towards him/who is appearing amongst us as the Ambassador of Christ, thy divine Son, our Supreme Pastor and eternal Mediator. We beseech thee, O, God, to Infuse the spiender of thy light into his mind, that he may rule our souls with the same prudence, wisdom and love with which thou rulest this great universe, the work of thy hands: strengthen his will, that, superior in courage to all contending enemics, he may ever lead his peeple to the rule of spiritual victories; deign

Introducing

HON. CHARLES PARLANGE as the President of this assemblage, Mr. Theard said: "It is my privilege and my very great honor as a member of the Executive Committee to present to you the Chairman of this meeting, the eminent gentlemun, model citizen, devout Catholic and able jurist, the Hon. Charles Parlange."

Judge Farlange said: I am highly sensible of the honor



NEWTON C. BLANCHARD, Governor of Louisiana.

which has been conferred on me by selection to preside over this great and impressive assembly. It is a distinction of which any citizon of this community might well be proud. This reception has been organized exclusively by the Catholic laity of this city, and they have taken great pleasure in inviting to it noneathelies as well as Catholics. Permit me to say that I am very happy to see how that invitation has been responded to. I am confident that the breatht and liberality of view and opinion which have always characterized this community have brought many here to-night who, though not Catholics, have been anxious to assist and participate in doing honor to the distinguished man whom we are all here to welcome.

On such occasions our thoughs turn naturally, first, to the man and then to the place.

And when, as now and here, the man measures fully to the vast and grave duties and responsibilities of an exaliced office; when he is one of



T. P. THOMPSON. Committee of Arrangements.

those among whom he is to exercise his high function; and when he is one who has ever held a warm place in the hearts of his people and has always, regardless of distinctions of creed, deservedly enjoyed the fullest confidence and respect of all who know him: it is but due to him and due to ourselves that we should make public testimonial of our feelings.

Another volume opens in the his-

Another volume opens in the history of this old diocese, which has been so intimately connected with the past of our State and country. Apother exalted prelate dons the arch-lepiscopal miter which pressed the brows of those men who are no



they can ever repose their unbounded trust in him, not only as their spiritual head, but also as a true and loving friend, whose care, vigilance and solicitude shall never fait them. To such a worthy head, a worthy diocese. It was founded 113 years ago. Before that time, it had been under the spiritual jurisdiction of the Bishop of fuebec; afterwards it was incorporated in the Diocese of Cuba and then in the Diocese of Havana. Its territory is a part of the Louisiana of olden times—that vast country which extended from the Guit of Mexico to the Great Lakes and the Rocky Mountains—that great empire which has been called the Mother of States, and upon whose broad bosom thirteen of the States and Territories of the American Union have been marked out.

And let us never forget that on the soil of this diocese the first martyrs in the cause of political liberty in America gave up their lives—before Bunker Hill and before Lexington.

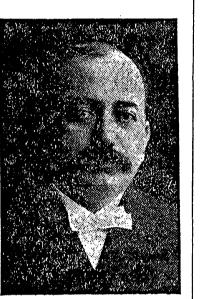
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All through the Colonial times—dark and perilous—which followed the foundation of New Orleans, the head of the Catholic Church in this diocese was always in this region the most prominent figure in the cause of religion, as well as a protagonist in the cause of social order and enlightenment.

The archbishops of the past have gone to their well-carned reward. The last two, endeared in the hearts of the people, as were their predecessors, sieep the last sleep of the just in the dark crypt of the venerable old Cathedral whose site was traced by the vallant sword of Bienville. They consecrated the best years of their lives to the welfare of this diocese. They could not have loved it better or with a stronger love had they been born or reared upon its soil. Their country was the Church, and all men their brethen and compatriots. Yet, we may, without the slightest dislovalty to their memory, rejoice on this memorable night that their successor was reared among and as one of this people, who claim him as their own.

But it would not comport with the



Mayor of New Orleans.

proprieties of the occasion were I to detain you longer with ony remarks of mine, when the distinguished speakers who have been selected are now awaiting to address you. Therefore let me close by saying that I know that I speak for all who are within the sound of my voice when I express to Your Grace the most sincere, cordial and profound feelings of respect, affection and welcome of this entire assembly. "It is now my privilege to announce a distinguished statesman, one who has been intimately connected with the public service of this State almost since his boyhood. He needs no introduction to this nudicace. He is the Chief Executive of this State. Let me introduce—I would rather say, announce—to you the Honorable Newton C. Blanchard, Governor of the State of Louisiana." GOVERNOR BLANCHARD

spoke as follows:
Most Reverend Archbishop: You come here to assume the duties and take upon yourself the responsibilities of the spiritual head of a great



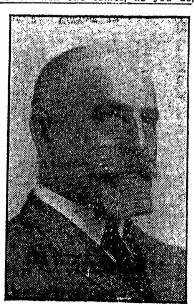
DR. WILLIAM SCHEPPEGRELL Committee of Arrangements.

Church, which numbers in its membership one-half or more of the white people of Louisiana and many of the colored population of the State.

Your coming, therefore, is an event of importance to the whole State. What interests and affects so large a part of the body politic interests and affects the whole.

A man of great distinction, of wide reputation gained in some useful field of successful endeavor and achievement, coming to Louisiana to make his home here and continue his work in a more enlarged sphere, that of itself would suffice to arrest the public attention.

But when one comes, as you do,



at your coming.

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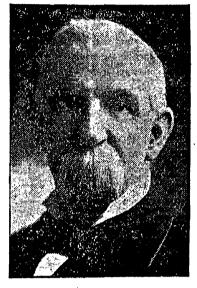
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J. H. Lyon. D.D.S.

It is a great pleasure for me to stand here in the presence of this magnificent audience and extend to you a welcome to Louisiana. This I most cordially do, in the name and on behalf of the people of the whole State, without regard to creed or church affiliation.

Knowing you and of you, as so large a portion of our people did, the news of your selection as successor to Archbishop Chapelle was received in the State with great satisfaction and pleasure.

We knew you to be American to the core. Though born in Germany, we knew your childhood and youth had been passed in New Orleans; that you had received your primary education in the schools of New Orleans; that after completing your studies in Northern colleges you had returned to Louisiana and had been first teacher and afterwards President of Jefferson College, in St. James Parish, Louisiana, and that later you had been priest in charge of an important church in this city.



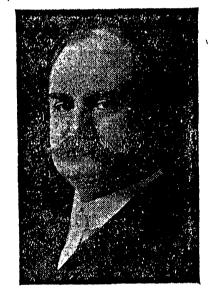
PAUL CAPDEVIELLE, Orator on Behalf of the Laity.

We had watched your course, and knew that you had been appointed Bishop to Porto Rico, and that your consecration as such had taken place consecration as such had taken place in the St. Louis Cathedral in this city in 1899.

Then you left us and we heard of the good work you were performing in Porto Rico, We know of the schools you established there and of the introduction of American methods. We know of the good understanding and harmony you contributed so greatly in bringing about between those people and the Government of the United States that had ussumed jurisdiction over them. You aided the Government and rendered an important service to your dered an important service to your

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You proved yourself liberal and enlightened. We believe you to be thoroughly democratic, adapting yourself with ability and tact to conditions and situations, getting in touch with the people—a leader of them for their good. We believe, too, that you are in touch with the spirit of progress that is making so much for the advancement of the South.



CHARLES JANVIER, Chairman Finance Committee.

You will have here great weight, influence and power. Four hundred and fifty thousand Catholics in this diocese acknowledge you as their spiritual head and your influence will extend beyond your Church. While exerting it mainly and primarily in the promotion of the holy work committed to your hands, we feel we are not mistaken in believing you will exert it, too, in the upbuilding of our state. The Church stands always for law and order and for those things that tend to make up good, beneficent, wise government; for those things that tend to the upbuilding, the development and progres of states.

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I numbered your predecessor, the late Archbishop Chapelle, among my personal friends. I entertained for him the highest esteem and regard, and had many reasons to believe and know that those sentiments were reciprocated by him. And when he was called hence to his eternal reward I greatly grieved for his death. I trust, sir, and do not doubt, that the same sentiment of friendship will exist between Your Grace and myself.

I will be greatly delighted to number you among my friends. I wish

I will be greatly delighted to number you among my friends. I wish for you the same success in the ministrations of your high and holy office as characterized his administration of the same, and believe the archiepiscopal diocese over which you are called to preside will have in you a worthy successor.

May God bless you and guide your thoughts and actions and prosper the work of your hands.

HON. MARTIN BEHRMAN

WALTER R. STAUFFER, Chairman Floor Committee.

(Photo by Moses.)

With such distinction and reputation, fairly and honorably, yet quietly and modestly, won in the holy calling to which you have consecrated your self, to take the leadership in and assume the direction of the largest and most extensive church organization in the State, to a far greater degree is the attention of the people of the State attracted.

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There are some here who knew you well in your boyhood days, There

are many here whom you benefited by your counsel and advice in the discharge of your priestly duties during the many years of your guardianship of their spiritual welfare. These faithful ones have sung your praises so that all are proud and feel honored in your having been chosen and named Archbishop of New Orleans. Nor is this feeling of pride restricted to the members of the Church in this archdiocese of which you are the executive head. The prominence and importance of the Archdiocese of New Orleans as part of the body ecclesiastic are recognized by non-Catholic as well as by Catholic. It is but natural, therefore, that all Orleanians, irrespective of religion, belief or denomination, should experience a sense of pride in seeing that the rulers of this great Church have recognized the fitness of one reared here in New Orleans to undertake and prosecute the work thus far advanced by able, gifted and sainted men, all of whom, however, came amongst us as strangers. We feel proud and know that this selection of you as our Archbishop will prove a most happy and blessed one. We have witnessed the beneficial results from your discharge of your pastoral duties as a parish priest in this city. The admiration of the world was aroused by your wonderful accomplishments for the advancement and elevation of the West Indians while in charge of the See of Porto Rico. Your ability to assume the work of Blanc, Odin, Perche, Leray, Janssens and Chappelle, your lamented predecessors, has been demonstrated. We recognize that you enter upon this work equipped in a most ideal manner. You are known to and are loved by all of the people as one of themselves. You may rest confident that they will co-operate with you in every way to crown your efforts with success.

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his zeal and charity, he made so many devoted friends.

While there it was recognized that there were higher and more arducus duties for which his sterling virtues and merits fitted him. The keen eye and deep discernment of his predecessor saw in him his able ally in his desire to elevate the people of Porto Rico; hence he recommended him to Rome, and he was duly elected their bishop, but it was during the Catholic Winter School especially that we were able to judge for ourselves. It was our privilege and our pleasure to co-operate with him in this good work. It was an occasion on which we can now, above all times, look back with joy and pleasure, because we were thus enabled to learn and to become intimately acquainted with his virtues and literary attainments.

Archbishop Blenk has had many distinguished and saintly predecessors in the see of New Orleans; many whose lofty standards held up before him can guide him to the highest ideals of what a true archbishop ought to be. No one following them need fear the criticisms of the worldly-minded nor the taunts of the senseless timeseekers.

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From Bishop Cardenas y Penalver to Placide Chapelle there has been one grand galaxy of heroes whose noble achievements, engraved on our memories and recorded in the Book of Life, are models for the highest only to aspire to, to wish to imitate, to be chosen to emulate. Archbishop Blenk will be a worthy successor of theirs. It now becomes the duty of the Catholic laity of this archdiocese to co-operate with him in the noble and difficult work which has devolved upon him. Shall we be found wanting in our co-operation with him? I unhesitatingly say, "No." Are we to retrograde, to go back? Assuredly, "No." We have been steadily advancing during the last half-century. When I say "we," I mean the men only, because the good and charitable women have at all times been devoted to the cause of religion.

I can remember the time when some of our good men, honest citizens who had retained their faith, yet were afraid to practice their religion for fear of being criticised and ridiculed. What an unfortunate condition of things that must have been! But that time has passed, never to come back again. Thanks to the Almighty, to the zealous and devoted clergy to the prayers of the faithful, who know God's will before we did, we have learned how good it is to have him as our friend and to revere his pastors and vicegerents as his substitutes. We have as their coworkers the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Holy Spirit Society, the Catholic Knights of America, the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin and others, and last, though not least,

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the Knights of Columbus. Why were all these societies established? Was it for mere personal aggrandizement? Was it not, rather, that the men of this and all archdioceses should cooperate with the clergymen, the pastors, to the attainment of the end for which we were all created—the greater glory of God and the salvation of our souls? Is it not a well-known fact that there are certain works that can better be accomplished by laymen than by the priests? Therefore we, the laity of the newly-appointed Archbishop, do solemnly affirm that we will leave nothing undone to prove our loyalty to his cause.

Under his wise and enlightened administration we feel that we are greatly encouraged, and that we must strive and that we will strain every nerve to make this the model see of our great and glorious country.

Permit me, in conclusion, to renew the promise that we, the laity of this illustrious see, will give you all the encouragement and help which it is possible for us to give, so that you may some day be able to raise your hand over all and say of us that we have been good and faithful servants.

Dear and Most Reverend Archbishop, upon your arrival in your archdiocese you were received with open arms by your loyal, zealous and plous clergy and your kind and hospitable people, and through the learned, eloquent and devoted Father Massardier, and our talented and distinguished young friend, Judge St. Paul, you have received a welcome worthy of yourself.

To-night His Excellency the Governor and His Honor the Mayor have, in most eloquent terms, extended to you, in behalf of the people of the State of Louisiana and of the city of New Orleans, a warm and hearty welcome, and now it is my privilege and great pleasure, in the name of the laity of this grand old archdiocese of New Orleans, whom I have the honor to represent, to bid you a most sincere and cordial welcome.

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your intimate friendship for so may yours, I am proud beyond expression to have been delegated to be the bearer of this message of the bearer of the bearer of the message of the bearer of the bearer of the message of the bearer of the

a much shorter name than Arch-bishop for me. And he knows how much I love him, and he knows what recognition there is in my heart for the welcome he has given me on be-half of the city, and what recogni-tion, also, there is in my heart for the welcome the Governor has given me in the name of the people of the State.

"There was a beautiful reference made to the fact that a true man who does not hearken to any but noble, generous impulses is a man, indeed. On leaving Porto Rico to indeed. On leaving Porto Rico to come to New Orleans there were non-catholics as well as Catholics assembled to bid me good-by. At the banquet of adieu, I told them that my heart was big enough to take them call, if all were true, noble, gonerous men, irrespective of their creed.

"The worthy and respected Mr. Paul Capdevielle, who spoke on behalf of the laity of this archdiocese, promised me the loyal support, the cooperation, the affection, the regard, the strength, the power of the Catholic laity to advance the cause I have at heart. Under the guidance of God and our divine brother. Jesus Christ, I want to make every man and woman in this State look up to God and find inspiration for the doing of great, good, ennobling things. With these principles, and with our divine brother, jesus Christ, I want to make every man and woman in this state look up to God and find inspiration for the doing of great, good, ennobling things. With these principles, and with our divine brother, jesus Christ, I want to make every man and woman in this state look up to God and find inspiration for the doing of great, good, ennobling things. With these principles, and with our divine brother, good, ennobling things. With these principles, and with our divine brother, good, ennobling things. With the great and good things in this archdiocese must advance, because great and good things in God's help, and the Almighty Father, if we do good if we we are true and honest and sincere in the performance of noble deeds, will bless us with his divine hands. But we must be true to us, and the will to go on, with his divine hands. But we must be true to, and five do so then this yenerable Diocess of Louisiana will be the foremost in this great commonwealth of the Western Hemisphere; and God will give me and you and all of us the strength, the intelligence and the will to go on, with an eye single to the greatness, the prosperity and the welfare of our beloved State.

"You are, in a special way, my spiritual children, and the great of the late o

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