

that the honor of the funeral be given to the Cathedral on account of the national character of Father McKenna's service to the Church.

The Solemn Requiem Mass at the Cathedral was celebrated by the Right Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, Auxiliary Bishop of New York. He was assisted by the Rev. Bernard McKenna as deacon, and the Rev. James McKenna as subdeacon, both of these latter being relatives of the deceased.

His Eminence Cardinal Farley presided on the throne and gave the last blessing. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. L., Provincial. In the sanctuary there were the Right Rev. John

J. Nilan, Bishop of Hartford, and the Right Rev. John J. McCort, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, besides fifteen monsignori and two hundred priests, diocesan and religious, including sixty Dominicans. In the front pews of the Cathedral were fully one hundred Dominican Sisters. About two thousand members of the Holy Name Society were present, representing almost every parish in the city. The attendance altogether was over four thousand persons.

Thus was manifested the esteem and love with which Father McKenna is held. Let those of us whom he knew and loved in life, never forget him in death.

—Pius Johannsen, O. P.

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## CARDINAL BOGGIANI

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**A**T the recent private consistory of December 4, Pope Benedict XV elevated to the eminence of the Sacred College ten new cardinals, among whom was the scholarly and zealous Dominican, Thomas Pius Boggiani, Titular Archbishop of Edessa. The newly-appointed cardinal was born in 1863 in the little town of Bosco, pleasantly situated in the Alpine highlands of Northern Italy. At an early age he felt the divine call to the religious life and sacred ministry. Leaving home and friends and loved ones was, indeed, a bitter trial to the young postulant, but with a heart resolutely steeled against the sweet assaults of earthly love and a will firmly thwarting the attachments of the world, young Thomas entered the convent of the Friars Preachers in his native village.

Here it was that, some forty years before, Lacordaire on his journeys to

Rome would spend weeks in prayer and meditation. Here it was he first planned that great achievement of his life—the reestablishment in France of his Order, which had been banished by the orgies and tyranny of the French Revolution. And here it was, a generation afterward, that the young novice, Brother Pius, in the silent peace and quiet of his cloister home prepared himself by years of study, prayer and self-discipline for his subsequent work of love and sacrifice.

At the age of twenty-four he was ordained and shortly afterward was appointed parish priest of the Dominican church, Santa Maria del Castello, in Genoa. The rector of the diocesan seminary on learning of his presence eagerly sought him as a professor of dogmatic theology. Thus, while in the city of "La Superba," Fr. Boggiani enacted the dual role of zealous pastor and erudite professor. His pastoral

duties brought him into close contact with his people, who soon learned to love and respect him, while, on the other hand, his great learning, piety and wisdom, augmented by his exceptional ability as a teacher, thronged his lecture hall with young men eager for the knowledge so generously imparted by him.

As might be expected, his unusual qualities of mind and heart, enhanced by an enormous capacity for work, promptly attracted the attention of Rome. Pius X, recognizing the exceptional ability of the pastor-professor, called him to be Apostolic Visitor to thirty-odd dioceses in Italy. Though comparatively young for so important a mission, Fr. Boggiani displayed such remarkable prudence and attainments that on his return to Rome the Holy Father wished to reward him with a bishopric. With characteristic humility, he succeeded for a time in declining this proffered dignity; but at length he was obliged to concur with the wishes of the Sovereign Pontiff, and on October 14, 1908, was consecrated Bishop of Adria.

The next four years found him laboring zealously and fruitfully in the diocese. The welfare of his people was of absorbing interest to him and upon them he lavished his constant care and attention. But in 1912, he was called from this work he loved so well. A new field of activity larger and more important lay before him; greater honors awaited him.

The Holy Father had foreseen the cyclonic insurrection threatening in Mexico. Realizing full well to what dangers the Church and her devoted followers would be subjected in that emeutic stricken land, he sent as his Apostolic Delegate the wise and prudent Bishop of Adria, creating him before his departure Titular Archbishop of Edessa. Arriving at his new post,

His Excellency worked untiringly to save the country from revolution, to guard the churches and convents from plunder and devastation and to protect the priests and religious from the demoniacal fury of the soldiery—but to no avail. The account of the atrocities, the desecrations and the crimes against religion and humanity in general is too familiar to need recapitulation. The storm had broken. After a year and a half of unceasing effort to check it he was forced to flee. Arriving in New York, he repaired to the Dominican Convent of St. Vincent Ferrer, where he remained for two weeks the guest of the Fathers, impressing all by his extraordinary genius, piety and child-like simplicity.

Shortly after his return to Rome he became secretary to the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, taking an active part in the recent Conclave which elected Benedict XV to the Chair of Peter.

Thus, while filling many varied and important position in the Church Cardinal Boggiani has undergone many trying and perilous experiences. He has performed private and trusted missions for Rome and in every case has displayed exceptional ability and proficiency. This final honor comes, then, as the official recognition and appreciation of the Holy See of his years of disinterested service of love and sacrifice, which have brought not only credit to himself but honor and glory to the Order to which he belongs.

We feel quite sure, therefore, that his brethren, not only here across the water but throughout the whole world, extend to him their earnest and sincere congratulations, praying God that he may continue to serve Him for many years yet to come, in that true Dominican, apostolic spirit so characteristic of him in the past.

—Robert Carroll, O. P.