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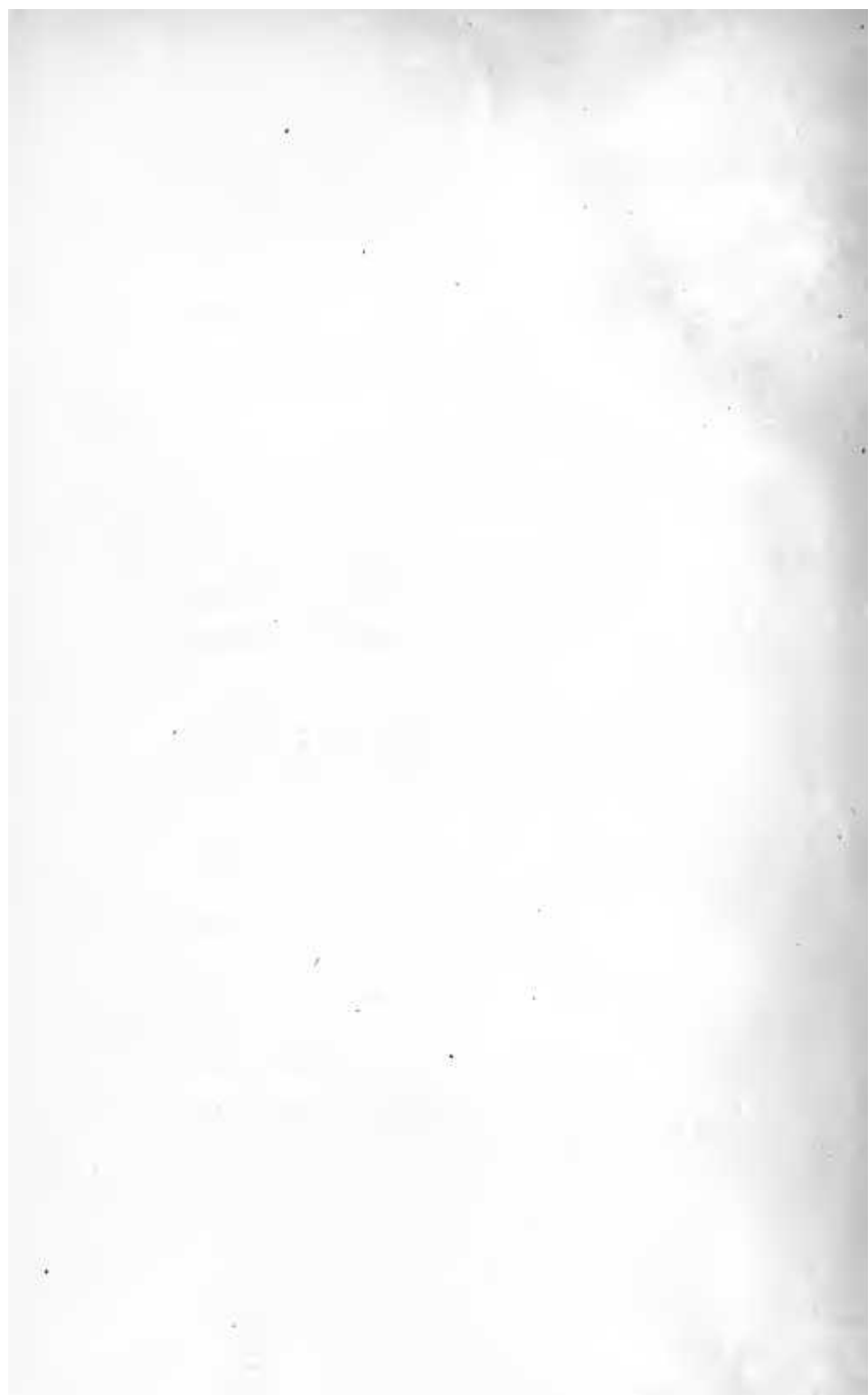
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PREFACE

To Rev. Matthew Russell, S.J., and Rev. John J. Wynne, S.J., the Editor wishes in the first place to express his gratitude for placing at the disposal of the United States Catholic Historical Society the interesting diary of Lord Russell of Killowen, written during his visit to our country in 1883. It is always interesting and instructive "to see ourselves as others see us," and Lord Russell was a man of such sound judgment, good taste, keen observation, and catholic sympathies that his views on what he saw in the United States cannot fail to be instructive. Withal, the diary affords to the reader a vivid picture of family life and affection which cannot fail to charm every sympathetic heart.

The thanks of the Society are also due to the New York Bar Association for the photograph of Lord Russell's bust which graces its library, as well as to the management of the Northern Pacific Railroad for our illustrations of some of the leading incidents connected with Lord Russell's journey across our continent. Lastly, we express our thanks to the Hon. John P. Mitchel for his kindness in permitting us to reproduce the portrait of his distinguished grandfather.



Introduction

LORD RUSSELL of Killowen, Chief Justice of England, had always warm American sympathies. Far on in his career, when he was anything but a disappointed man, he told me that, if he had to start life again, he would be inclined to cast his lot under the Stars and Stripes.

He paid two visits to the United States. The first was during the Long Vacation of 1883; and it is of this visit that some account is given in the following pages. The second visit was in the autumn of 1896, when he was invited to deliver the annual address before the American Bar Association at Saratoga Springs. On this latter occasion he kept no diary, for he was accompanied by his wife, his daughter Lilian (now Mrs. Henry Drummond), and his son, the Hon. Charles Russell. He was also accompanied by his genial and gifted friend, Sir Frank Lockwood.

The first time he crossed the Atlantic, he was not Lord Russell nor even Sir Charles Russell, nor was he the principal figure of the party. He accompanied Lord Coleridge, whom he was to succeed as Chief Justice of England, and Sir James Hannen, whom, three years later, he was to address as Head of the Parnell Commission in a speech eight days long. Those things, and other things that happened after-

wards, would have seemed improbable enough when Charles Stewart Parnell gave Charles Russell, Q. C., the day before he sailed from Liverpool, this letter of introduction to Justice Shea, New York:

HOUSE OF COMMONS, AUG. 13, 1883.

MY DEAR SIR:

Permit me to introduce to you Mr. Russell, who is visiting America. He is anxious to learn the status, political and social, and the views of our leading and representative countrymen in the States; and, although not a member of our party, he has always done what he could, both in and out of Parliament, from his own point of view, to serve the interests of Ireland. Need I say how much pleased I shall be if you can do anything to further the objects of his visit?

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

CHAS. S. PARNELL.

The President of the Society which is publishing this diary will perhaps allow me to give this extract from his letter to Father John J. Wynne, S.J., who had placed it in his hands:

"I have read through Lord Russell's diary with considerable interest. It impresses me greatly as a portrait of a good affectionate father of a family interested in the education of his children. It reminded me of the great Villard glorification, in which General W.— also took part. The diary is also a sad,