

## DEPARTURE OF CARDINAL McCLOSKEY.

Cardinal McCloskey has started for Rome to take part, if he shall arrive there in time, in the election of a successor to the late Pope Pius IX. He and his secretary, Father Farley, are passengers on the Inman steam-ship City of New-York, which left her pier at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Mgr. Ruddy, secretary to Archbishop Conroy, the Papal Alegate now in this country, is also a passenger on the City of New-York. The Cardinal and his secretary arrived at the steam-ship dock about 9 o'clock, and were greeted by a large party of ecclesiastics, who had assembled to bid them farewell, and wish them a prosperous journey to Rome and back. Among the clergy present were Right Rev. Bishop McNierney, of Albany; Right Rev. Bishop Wadhams, of Ogdensburg; Mgr. Chatard, President of the American College at Rome; Mgr. Seton, of St. Joseph's Church, Jersey City; Vicar-General Quinn, Vicar-General and Chancellor Preston, Father Burtzell, of the Church of the Epiphany; Father O'Reilly, of St. Mary's; Fathers Kean and Kearney, of St. Patrick's Cathedral; Father Farrelly, of St. James'; and Father Brophy, of the Church of the Sacred Heart. Almost all present took personal leave of his Eminence, bending before him, and kissing the ring upon the forefinger of his right hand, which is one of the insignia of his high office in the Church. The Cardinal has three state-rooms set apart for his personal use, and his secretary has an apartment on the opposite side of the saloon gangway. Capt. Land, as a special mark of respect to the distinguished ecclesiastic, has set apart for his use the chart-room amidships on the promenade deck. In this apartment, wherein the motion of the steam-ship is least felt, the Cardinal will be enabled to breathe the fresh air without being overcome by sea-sickness, a malady to which he is peculiarly subject.

The Cardinal will probably leave the steam-ship at Queenstown, Ireland, and go thence by rail to Dublin, and from there by steamer to Holyhead. By doing this he will save 20 hours. He may, by this saving of time, be enabled to arrive in Rome in time to take part in the proceedings of the Conclave. The Cardinal expects to return to New-York about Easter-tide, but may be delayed until the latter part of May. It seems that his intention to visit Rome was not known in that city until last night. The dispatch officially informing him of the death of the Pope, and asking him if he would endeavor to attend the Conclave, was sent by a Papal Nuncio in Paris, and it was to this functionary that the Cardinal sent notice of his intention to leave here on the steamer City of New-York. At 9 o'clock last night a cable telegram from Rome was received at the Archiepiscopal residence in Madison-avenue. The butler took it to Vicar-General Quinn, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, who found it was from Cardinal Del Pietro to Cardinal McCloskey, asking if the latter would take part in the Conclave. The Vicar-General immediately sent a telegram in reply announcing the departure of Cardinal McCloskey from this City.

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