

WELCOME TO THE BISHOP.

Extensive Preparations Being Made for His Reception.

Our Catholic population, and indeed the entire population of our city, is looking forward in eager expectancy to the arrival of Bishop Chatard to-morrow. A committee of two from each of our Catholic congregations will meet him at the depot to escort him to the Bishop's residence, and Judge Malott, Judge Niblack, Mayor Searight and Hon. T. R. Cobb have been invited to join the committee in behalf of the citizens of the city.

On Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock a procession will be formed at the Bishop's residence, and after a march of a few squares, will proceed to the church, when the venerable prelate will pronounce a benediction and take formal possession of the Diocese. We are informed that a special benediction has been received from the Pope at Rome, for the people of this Diocese, which will be delivered. The Hibernian and St. John Benevolent societies, and all other Catholic societies will turn out in full regalia.

Special trains are expected to arrive from Terre Haute, Evansville, Seymour, and all points in the Diocese, bringing the people to welcome their new Bishop on the occasion of his arrival to take possession of his important charge. Very Rev. Aug. Bessonier, Administrator of the Diocese, will meet Mgr. Chatard in Cincinnati, and will accompany him here. It is not improbable that Arch-Bishop Purcell, of Cincinnati, will also be present. The Bishop has forwarded a request to the Catholics of Indianapolis that no deputation be sent to meet him here, as he will be in that city next Thursday. It is to be hoped that Bishop Chatard will be favorably prepossessed with this city and conclude to make it his future residence. The Bishop's residence, corner of Second and Church streets, has been fitted up in modern style, and the grounds laid out in a pleasing manner, and much more spacious than any that could be had in Indianapolis. Besides which our railroad facilities will afford outlets as convenient as those of Indianapolis, and is much more central. At any rate, we are assured that the name of the See is not to be changed.