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Il giorno dopo, solenni, con concorso immenso di popolo, autorità, clero, si svolsero i funerali del compianto vescovo — provvisoriamente seppelito nel Cimitero di Lugano, per poi esserlo definitivamente nella Chiesa del Sacro Cuore, come Lui volle.

... Tripudio di sole, di fede, di omaggio ...
Esultazione dell'Umile che radiosamente fu e rimarrà Grande.

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Forse é da pochi saputo che quando nel 1885 si iniziò il regime ecclesiastico autonomo (dopo lavoro di quasi un secolo per averlo) il primo Vescovo ci venne da Basilea; infatti Leone XIII accettava le dimissioni di Mons. Lachat da Vescovo di Basilea e lo eleggeva nel contempo Anni. Apostolico del C. Ticino.

Il 31 luglio di quell'anno, Mons. Lachat entrava trionfante nel Ticino, accompagnato dall'on. A. Primavesi presidente del Gran Consiglio, dal dr. G. Casella, presidente del Consiglio di Stato, e da diversi prelati. E fu un'entrata magnifica, tra squillo di campane ed accorrere di gente. A Bellinzona, nella Chiesa di S. Giovanni. L'arciprete Molo consegnava a Mons. Lachat un ricco pastorale; nella Collegiata della Turrita si lesse il Breve Papale, Mons. Lachat fu ospite della città per diversi giorni. Il 2 agosto vi fu solenne pontificale alla presenza del Governo al completo, Gran Consiglio, Municipio, ecc. Fu in quei giorni che si fondò a Bellinzona la Sezione cantonale degli studenti svizzeri "Lepontia."

Poi Mons. Lachat scese a Lugano ove pure ebbe ricevimento grandioso. Non si stabilì però subito a Lugano, ma a Balerna, ove c'era la sede vescovile provvisoria. Più tardi la signora Antonia Vanoni donava il palazzo che teneva in via Nassa e Mons. Lachat vi prendeva residenza. Quindici mesi dopo il primo Vescovo Ticinese moriva e le Sue spoglie riposano nella Chiesa di S. Maria degli Angeli dentro un ricco mausoleo, dono dello Stato.

E. G. L.

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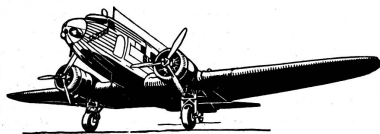
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