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to were mostly by the hands and founders of Protestant churches. As to the Inquisition... The number of its victims has been greatly exaggerated; its popular historian, Blomart, was a degraded priest who was dismissed from the Board of Inquisitors, of which he had been secretary; actuated by revenge, he wrote the history of the institution and did all he could to blacken it. The Inquisition was not a purely ecclesiastical institution, but a mixed tribunal. It was conceived, systematized, equipped, etc., by the royal authority alone, and not by the Church. Turning toward Spain, it is found that the Spanish nation, after a struggle of eight centuries, had succeeded in overthrowing the Moors, and the empire had been consolidated under the joint reign of Ferdinand and Isabella. But discordant elements remained; Spaniards, Jews and Moors did not assimilate, the two latter were disaffected toward the Spanish government, not only on political but also on religious grounds. Ferdinand accordingly created the Spanish Inquisition, less from motives of religious zeal than from those of human policy; not so much with the view of preserving the Catholic faith as of perpetuating the integrity of his kingdom. The Moors and Jews were looked upon not only as enemies of the altar, but chiefly as enemies of the throne. Catholics were upheld, not for their faith alone, but because they united faith to loyalty. The King nominated the Inquisitors and dismissed them at will. They derived their jurisdiction from the King, not from the Pope, and into the King's coffers went all the emoluments accruing from fines and confiscations. In the Inquisition, the King had a tribunal from which no grandee or Archbishop could withdraw himself; and several bishops who had sided with the communists, who were struggling for their liberties, were judged by that tribunal. One instance will suffice to show that the Inquisition was independent of the Holy See, and that even the Catholic hierarchy fell under its ban: "After the convening of the Council of Trent, Bartholomew Garza, Archbishop of Toledo, was arrested by the Inquisition on a charge of heresy, and his release from prison could not be obtained either by the interposition of Pius IV or the remonstrance of the Council." Ranke, a Protestant historian, says: "It (the Inquisition) was in spirit and in tendency, a political institution. The Pope had an interest in thwarting it, and he did so; but the King had an interest in constantly upholding it." It is a fact that Pope Sixtus IV, on the specious representations of Queen Isabella that it was necessary for the preservation of the kingdom, consented to the establishment of the Inquisition; but in 1481 when the Jews complained to him of its severity, the same Pontiff issued a bull against the Inquisitors in which, according to Prescott, "he rebuked their intemperate zeal and even threatened them with deprivation." He wrote to Ferdinand and Isabella that "mercy towards the guilty was far more pleasing to God than the severity they were using." When the Pope could not eradicate the evils, he encouraged the sufferers to flee to Rome, and in two years received 450 refugees under his protection and restored them to the full rights of citizenship. Is it reasonable that the Pope would sanction in Spain the legalized murder of those whom he could have punished with impunity in his own city?

OUR BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER.

A DEWDROP.

Little drop of dew,
Like a gem you are;
I believe that you
Must have been a star.
When the day is bright,
On the grass you lie;
Till at night, at night,
Are you in the sky?
—Harper's Young People.

AUNT RUTH'S LETTER.

DEAR YOUNG FOLKS:
In the many homes where the "Catholic Journal" is weekly received, I know that a special corner for the boys and girls will be fully appreciated by them. In starting such a column I hope that each and every one will feel it his or her duty to do all in their power to make it a perfect success. Let our elders see that we, too, can make an effort, and one of which we need never be ashamed. First I want all, and by all I do not mean two or three or four, but all the boys and girls to write me a letter describing the city of Rochester in 300 words, but will later on expect a letter from each on whatever subject he may choose. Send them not later than Dec. 10, as they will be numbered and corrected in the order in which they are received. The letters will be carefully looked over and the author of the most perfect one will be awarded a handsome prize. In writing your letter write on but one side of the paper, use pen and ink, beware of blot, notice the punctuation and spelling, and place a capital where necessary, take care of the little mistakes, and the great ones will take care of themselves. If each will do his best you will find that our column will be profitable to ourselves besides a source of much interest to those who can no longer be called "Boys and Girls."

Sincerely yours,
AUNT RUTH.

Care Catholic Journal, N. Y.

We advise all the boys and girls to read our special offer to them if they will secure subscriptions to the Journal. Several of the little folks have already brought in lists of subscribers and received their prizes. But there is plenty of field for others to work.

Master Owen Thompson, of St. Mary's school, is the first to secure one of our handsome boys' and girls' premiums for getting subscribers to the Journal. The following letter is self-explanatory:

Rochester, N. Y. Nov. 20, 1899.
Mr. E. J. Ryan,
Manager of Catholic Journal.

Dear Sir—I received my gold ring today and I am very much pleased with it. It is very handsome. Wishing you success with your paper, I remain,
Owen Thompson,
St. Mary's School.

Catholic Society Notes.

Secretaries of Societies:
If you will send us any little scraps of news about your society you will greatly oblige us and materially help your organization. Even other Catholic news, concisely written, will be acceptable.

Daniel Dougherty will lecture for the C. B. A. in Syracuse, on Dec. 1st.

A new branch of the C. M. B. A. is to be started at St. Joseph's parish, Buffalo Plains. It will be called St. Joseph's Branch No. 144.

An important special meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Association of the Cathedral will be held at 3 p. m. to-morrow at Cathedral hall.

Supreme Deputy John Fitzgerald, of the C. M. B. A. was recently presented a handsome Maltese cross with the signs and words of the association engraved thereon. This testimonial was from the members of the Supreme Council, in recognition of the courtesies extended to them while on visit to New York.

Newark Council, C. B. A. will hold a ball on Thanksgiving eve.

A new Branch of the C. M. B. A. has been organized at Natrona, Pa. Spiritual Adviser, Rev. John Price; President, Peter Whener; First Vice-President, Richard Walsh; Recording Secretary, Albert C. Adler; Financial Secretary, Rev. John Price.

Judge Warner handed down a decision Wednesday morning in the matter of the application, in the case of the Merchants' Bank against Michael Ehrstein and another, to punish Theodore Mensing for contempt of court in refusing, as treasurer of the C. M. B. A., to pay over to the plaintiff a draft payable to Mrs. Ehrstein. The draft was for the amount of a policy on Michael Ehrstein's life. The motion is denied on the ground that the order was unauthorized.

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