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THE ENCYCLICAL LETTER.

The Encyclical Letter of our Holy Father, part of which we publish on the first page of this issue, is a document which should be carefully read by all good Catholics. The duty of Catholics towards the State is clearly set forth, while the claims of the Church to the obedience of her children are shown to be based upon divine authority. To fair-minded per sons it exposes the falsity of the charge that Catholics can not make good citizens. When men make laws of such a nature that to obey them would be to break the law of God, it is the duty of Catholics, as the Holy Father points out, to risk incurring the displeasure of man rather than that of his Creator. The faithful throughout the world will listen with respect and attention to the eloquent words of their beloved spiritual father -the Vicar of Christ on earth.

QUARRELLING AMONG THEMSELVES.

e Journal of Dec. 28th a reference this city advertising an imitation mass. The shoe seemed to fit St. Andrew's church so well that on January 19th its rector, Rev. A. S. Crapsey preached a sermon in which he attempted to refute our assertion, and said the logical conclusion of our statement was, "God is with no man or men save as the Roman priesthood permits him to be." He then puts the church. Out of humility and afforth the claim that the Eastern Church is not in communion with the though not in the same condition, used Church of Rome, yet the orders and to join themselves to them expressing sacraments of the Eastern Church are in their outward guise a similar con tory of the "Church of England, by number of these persons gradually law established," "Protestant Episco- increased, until at length the administerm it, "Church of the English." Then he says St. Augustine was instructed by Pope Gregory to use whatever manner of mass he thought best in Great Britain. The remainder of the sermon was devoted to press-

prelates and priests ridicule and a low variety theater. Indeed it is laugh to scorn the absurd claims to doubtful if many proprietors of places

statements that will bear comment, ning was then made, the result being Pilot reaches us, containing a fine interesting all wage earners in the Send to cents (which amount may Gregory sent St. Augustine to preach the anecdote and the poem which folthe Gospel to the Britons; he makes lowed contained a good share of pro- It speaks highly of the work done

Catholic Church does recognize the sacraments of the Greek Church as valid, but regards them as unlawful. The members of the Greek Church are schismatics, the members of the Episcopal Church are heretics. The rector does not seem to know the difference between a schismatic and a heretic. Next week we will enlight en him.-

Again Mr. Crapsey says: Pope Gregory instructed St. Augustine to select any manner of mass he thought best. What manner of argument is that? Does not Mr. Crapsey know the mass never changes, although its attendant ceremonies may vary according to the country in which it is See: celebrated. There are different forms used in various countries but in all these the same mass is celebratedrepresen ing the unbloody sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

Ash Wednesday is the first day, according to our present observance of the forty days' fast of Lent. The office for Ash Wednesday opens with the solemn ceremony which has given the day its name. After the introit and four collects in which pardon and mercy are implored for the penitent the faithful approach and kneel at the altar rails, and the priest puts ashes upon the forehead of each, saying, Memento, homo, quia pulvis es, et in pulverem reverteris" (Remember, man, that thou art dust, and shall re turn to dust.) The ashes are obtained by burning the palms of the previous year. The Lenten pastorals of Bishops, regulating the observance of the season, usually prescribe that the fast on Ash Wednesday shall be more rig orously kept than on any other day of Lent except the four last days of Holy Week.

The administration of the ashes was not originally made to all the faithful, but only to public penitents. These had to appear before the church Our readers will remember that in door on the first day of Lent, in penitential garb and with bare feet was made to an Episcopal church in Their penances were then imposed upon them; then they were brought into the church before the bishop, who put ashes on their heads, saying be City several conversions were resides the words, "Memento," &... "age ponitentiam ut habeas vitam æternam," Repent, (or do penance) that thou mayst have eternal life. He then made them an address, after which he solemnly excluded them from fection, friends of the penitents, valid in the estimation of the West-trition; and offering their foreheads ern. He then proceeds te give a his- also to be sprinkled with ashes. The pal Church" or, as he is pleased to tration was extended to the whole congregation, and the rite took its present form.

ENTIRELY TOO PROFANE. 7 -

ing Bishop Coxe's claim to Apostolical ber of Commerce, Saturday, engrof the toasts was responded to in a man- ble, as it stands, is no child's book. Really, Mr. Crapsey should try and ner which reflects but little credit on Under all circumstances it is highly reconcile his Episcopal brethren be- the person making the response, objectionable that children should, by fore he attempts any serious attack Judging from his remarks, the speaker the reading of a sacred book, be inupon Catholics and Catholicity. And must have imagined himself called is it not a fact, Mr. Crapsey that upon to address an audience of galmany, in fact, most of the Episcopal lery gods, such as might be found in instances detrimental to them." Apostolic succession put forth by of that kind would allow their stars the prosecution of Mrs. Surratt, was your Bishop and yourself? How to give expression to thought in lan- found dead in his room in New York many of your brethren really believe guage so profane as that used on this Tuesday. In late years he had drank you date back further than the time occasion before an assemblage sup- heavily and had lost an extensive law of the Reformation, that you had any posed to be made up of Rochester's practice. Family troubles also emother head than the motorious Heary best citizens. The performance to bittered his last years. His death VIII? When Mr. Crapsey's ideas which we allude opened with a story, adds one more to the list of those conare accepted and formulated as part in which, of course, an Irishman was cerned in the execution of Mrs. Surand parcel of the Episcopal creed, introduced. This was so profane that ratt who have met with unhappy then we will pleased to argue with any gentleman would have been deaths. justified in rebuking the narrator Still, Mr. Crapsey makes some then and there. An attempt at puna misleading statement when he says fanity. Rochester's representative by him in this diocese and the diecese the sacraments of the Greek Church business men should see that in the of Newark, and concludes by saying: are considered perfectly valid by the future nothing is said at the annual "When the great men of the American During his stay there he met a number If you go to a good photographet Western Church yet the Greek Church banquets of their organization which Church are classified, his name will of prominent young Catholics of the place like J. E. Mock, 40 State street, by

Regulations for Lent.

Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday are fast days of precept, on one meal, with the allowance of a moderate collation in the evening.

The Church excuses from the obliwho are enfeebled by old age.

The use of flesh meat, as also of eggs and white meats, is permitted at every meal on the Sundays of Lent, and at the principal meal on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and Holy Thursday.

The use of white meat is allowed every day in Lent at the evening collation, and also at the principal meal on the days on which the use of flesh meat is forbidden.

A small piece of bread, with a cup of coffee, tea or cliocolate, can be taken in the morning.

.Where not convenient to take the principal meal at noon, it is lawful to invert the order, and take collation in the morning and dinner in the even-

Dripping and lard may be used in the preparation of the kinds of food which are permitted.

On Sundays there is neither fast nor abstinence, but fish cannot be used with flesh meat at the same meal at any time during Lent.

· Those who are exempt from the precept of fasting can partake of flesh meat at every meal during the day when by special incult flesh meat is permitted at the principal meal.

Many Rochesterians, both Catholic and Protestant, cherish pleasant recollections of Rev. W. St. Lawrence, the Oblate Father who was at St. Mary's church during the first half of the year 1888. It will be remembered that during his sojourn in the Flower ported, among them that of Mrs. Noah, the venerable actress. Father St. Lawrence's departure was much regretted by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. They will be pleased to learn that he is pleasantly located in Omaha, Nebraska, where he is at St. Peter's church. In a private letter received a few days since Father St. Lawrence says he has been at Omaha since November, 1888, and styles it "a grand and promising. city." The Journal extends congratulations to Father St. Lawrence and wishes him all success in his western

The Protestant Verein, an association of German ministers, has passed a resolution to the effect that: "It is a most injurious thing to place the At the annual banquet of the Cham- whole Bible in the hands of children. The fact of the matter is that the Biured into things the knowledge of which is nowise useful, but in most

Gen. John A. Foster, who conducted

does not acknowledge the Bishop of they would be ashamed to place be stand with the names of Archbishop trict Deputy J. J. Barrett, of the C. M.B.A.

Home as head of the Church. The fore their families.

Hughes and Bishop England."

and others.

TIMELY WORDS

All the week days of Lent from From Some of the Speeches Delivered at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. JOHN FAHY-" GUR MERCHANTS."

This gathering of successful men that greet one another here do not wear their spurs by inheritance. Every WEDNESDAY, 19-Ash Wednesday. gation of fasting (but not of abstin- merchant that is a real success wins Thursday, 20-St. Cuthbert, Bishop and ence from flesh meat except in special his position by honesty, energy, plack who are attaining their growth, those four sides to a square, mathematically SATURDAY, 22-St. Margaret of Cortona. whose duties are of an exhausting or as well as morally, are the only lines laborious character, women in preg-upon which a successful issue is nancy or nursing infants, and those worth the having. A manly merchant never thinks of other methods. He The following dispensations are is disgusted with his calling when city, that Archbishop Ireland, of St. dence, often continuously so, demean the proud position of merchants by and consequent failures, thinking to make, by using the result of these with the exception of Ember Saturday frauds in unfair competition, and often dragging down honorable men in Their final discomfiture.

Our future history depends upon the merchant. All that remain of the former greatness of Venice and Genoa and other great cities of the past, are the grand monuments and palaces built by their merchant princes. In them we read their greatness, and without them there would be little to mark their splendor. Men decay, commerce sickens and dies, but the great structures, the outcome of successful merchandising, remain.

WM. C. BARRY-" OUR PARKS." It has doubtless occured to those who have followed the discussion on the park question, that there is a wide difference of opinion as to what a park is. Some view it as waste land, others as a luxury for the rich, and a burden on the poor, while others regard it as a trap to catch the people's

I believe the correct meaning of the word to be: A large tract of land with beautiful natural featureslaid out and improved in such a manner as to render it a suitable place of recreation, and it is in this sense that I propose to consider the question.

As cities increase in size and population, it is obvious to the most casual observer that some place must be provided where the masses of the people can take recreation, where they can occasionally escape the noise, dust, heat and other inconveniences of city life, and breathe a pure atmosphere: where they can enjoy the green fields, beautiful landscapes, and the grateful shade of growing trees.

People of large means have their private gardens in which they can amuse themselves as suits then best but people of small means, living in crowded apartments, in thickly settled districts of the city, without any grounds of their own, are entitled to resorts where they can obtain recreas tion; children need more space than the streets afford for their romping ground; young people require room for their games, and invalids can regain their health much quicker under the influence of the health-giving at mosphere of the park than in the narrow, noisy thoroughfare of the city. J. H. FOLEY-"OUR LOAN ASSOCIATIONS."

The Loan Association does more to stimulate industry, sobriety and honesty than any other known institution, as most men are anxious that their deposits shall equal those of their neighbors. The equality sought is not that described in the verse: "What is a communist? One who hath

yearnings For equal division of unequal earnings; Idler or bungler, or both, he is willing To fork out his penny and pocket your

depository for their savings, but also exaggerated, absurd pictures which defact a source of aducation. The attorney so marry catalogues and reflect upon the who, as a rule, attends the meeting, necessarily discusses many points good, and several new kinds are offered from which much valuable information among them Early Market. It is said to is obtained, and hence it becomes a be of the Ohio Class and is especially rec school for those who attend. They ommended for early marketing, as the Just as we go to press the Boston are an invaluable aid toward vitally growth.—Rural New Yorker. enterprises carried on therein.

A Visit to Mt. Morris. Thursday a representative of the Jour-NAL was in the strring town of Mr. Morris tage in having your Photo's taken

Weekly Church Calendar.

NDAY, Feb. 16-Quinquagesima Sun. day. Gospel, St. Luke xviii, 13-43. St. Juliana, Virgin and Martyr. MONDAY, 17-St. Fintan, Abbot. TUESDAY, 18-St. Simeon, Bishop and

Martyr.

Confessor. cases of sickness), the infirm, those and fitness. These qualities, these FRIDAY, 21-Most S.Passion of Our Lord

Regarding the reports published in Montreal and telegraphed from that granted by the authority of the Holy rivals, often temporarily successful Paul, is to be appointed Cardinal, and by the inscrutable ways of Provi- that prelate said recently: "These reports about new Cardinals, whether in the United States or Canada, areunmerchantable methods, by fraud simply nonsense. I don't say that in the distant future there may not be two Cardinals in the United States, but neither of them will be in the West, and by no possibility will we see two Cardinals in Canada. The rumors floating through the country originate with irresponsible persons, and, once inserted in a newspaper, they fly around through the press of the country with no significance whatever. On a par with these rumors is this other, that our present American Cardinal will be Pope. Those who understand Catholic matters pay no attention to these rumors. Rome has her own way of doing things; and that way is well understood by her prelates. The news of what she proposes to do does not come out through newspaper gossip."

Death of Dr. W. W. Ruby.

Dr. William W. Ruby died Wednesday morning at his home, 14 York street, aged 27 years. Deceased was a graduate of the University of Buffalo in the class of 1887, and was the class orator for that vear. His academic education was secured at the Rochester Free Academy. At the close of his medical studies in Buffalo, he returned to this city and at once commenced the practice of his profession, starting an office at 80 West Main street. He was city physician two years and was a member of the Monroe County Medical Society. Although practicising but a lew years, he had already won distinction as a skillful and conscientious physician an was highly esteemed in the profession. He was widely known and respected for his upright and pure-minded life and his death will be severely mourned by his many friends and relatives. He was medical examiner and financier of Flower City Lodge, A. O. U. W. He was a member of the St. Francis Society of SS. Peter and Paul's church, also a member and examiner for the Workingmen's Benevox lent Society. Deceased was the son of George Ruby. The father, mother, five sisters and three brothers survive him. The funeral will take place this moring from SS. Peter and Paul's church.

Auburn.

In the death of Sister-Mary-Glare, which occurred on Sunday, Feb. 2d, at the convent in Chappel street, the order of Mercy loses a most valuable member. Af an early age her religious zeal prompted her to enter upon the life of a nun, and although socially in a position to partake of every comfort which the world affords, she saw the vanity of worldly things and gladly sacrificed all for the humble life of a Sister of Mercy. The funeral services were held in the convent chapel, a requiem mass being solemnized with Rev. J. Phelan, pastor of St. Cecelia's church of New York city and a nephew of deceased as celebrant; Rev. T. Hickey of Moravia deacon; Rev. M. J. Cluney of St. Mary's Rochester, sub-deacon, and Very Rev. Dean Seymour of this city, master of ceremonies. The following clergymen were present: Revs. Stewart of Rochester, Lawlor of Waterbury, Conn., Rafferty of Scipio, Netzel, Clune and Dougherty this city. The bearers were: Fathers Cluney, Rafferty, Netzel, Dougherty Clune and Hickey.

Vick's Floral Guide.

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