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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.

QUARRELLING AMONG THEMSELVES.

Our readers will remember that in the Journal of Dec. 28th a reference was made to an Episcopal church in this city advertising an imitation mass.

Really, Mr. Crapsey should try and reconcile his Episcopal brethren before he attempts any serious attack upon Catholics and Catholicity.

Still, Mr. Crapsey makes some statements that will bear comment. He states truly when he says Pope Gregory sent St. Augustine to preach the Gospel to the Britons; he makes a misleading statement when he says the sacraments of the Greek Church are considered perfectly valid by the Western Church.

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.

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 celebrated.

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.

The administration of the ashes was not originally made to all the faithful, but only to public penitents.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 door on the first day of Lent, in penitential garb and with bare feet.

ENTIRELY TOO PROFANE.

At the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce, Saturday, one of the toasts was responded to in a manner which reflects but little credit on the person making the response.

Regulations for Lent.

All the week days of Lent from 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 obligation of fasting (but not of abstinence from flesh meat except in special cases of sickness), the infirm, those who are attaining their growth, those whose duties are of an exhausting or laborious character, women in pregnancy or nursing infants, and those who are enfeebled by old age.

The following dispensations are granted by the authority of the Holy See:

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, with the exception of Ember Saturday and Holy Thursday.

A small piece of bread, with a cup of coffee, tea or chocolate, 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 evening.

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.

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 whole Bible in the hands of children.

Gen. John A. Foster, who conducted the prosecution of Mrs. Surratt, was found dead in his room in New York Tuesday.

Just as we go to press the Boston Pilot reaches us, containing a fine tribute to Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid. It speaks highly of the work done by him in this diocese and the diocese of Newark, and concludes by saying: "When the great men of the American Church are classified, his name will stand with the names of Archbishop Hughes and Bishop England."

TIMELY WORDS

From Some of the Speeches Delivered at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

JOHN FAHY—"OUR MERCHANTS." This gathering of successful men that greet one another here do not wear their spurs by inheritance. Every merchant that is a real success wins his position by honesty, energy, pluck and fitness.

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.

WM. C. BARRY—"OUR PARKS."

It has doubtless occurred 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.

I believe the correct meaning of the word to be: A large tract of land with beautiful natural features laid 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 them 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 recreation; 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 atmosphere 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 shilling."

Not only is the loan association a depository for their savings, but also a source of education. The attorney who, as a rule, attends the meeting, necessarily discusses many points from which much valuable information is obtained, and hence it becomes a school for those who attend. They are an invaluable aid toward vitally interesting all wage earners in the prosperity of our city and the various enterprises carried on therein.

A Visit to Mt. Morris.

Thursday a representative of the Journal was in the stirring town of Mt. Morris during his stay there he met a number of prominent young Catholics of the place among whom were: J. F. Donovan, District Deputy J. J. Barrett, of the C. M. B. A. and others.

Weekly Church Calendar.

SUNDAY, Feb. 16—Quinquagesima Sunday. Gospel, St. Luke xviii, 13-43. St. Juliana, Virgin and Martyr. MONDAY, 17—St. Fintan, Abbot. TUESDAY, 18—St. Simeon, Bishop and Martyr. WEDNESDAY, 19—Ash Wednesday. THURSDAY, 20—St. Cuthbert, Bishop and Confessor. FRIDAY, 21—Most S. Passion of Our Lord. SATURDAY, 22—St. Margaret of Cortona, Pen.

Regarding the reports published in Montreal and telegraphed from that city, that Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, is to be appointed Cardinal, that prelate said recently: "These reports about new Cardinals, whether in the United States or Canada, are 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."

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 year. 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 practicing but a few years, he had already won distinction as a skillful and conscientious physician and 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.

Auburn.

In the death of Sister Mary Clare, which occurred on Sunday, Feb. 2d, at the convent in Chapel street, the order of Mercy loses a most valuable member. 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. Cecilia's church of New York city and a nephew of deceased as celebrant; Rev. T. Hickey of Moravia, deacon; Rev. M. J. Clune 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 of this city. The bearers were: Father Clune, Rafferty, Netzel, Dougherty, Clune and Hickey.

Vick's Floral Guide.

Is one of the handsomest catalogues published. The illustrations are intended to give the reader a correct idea of the plant or flower illustrated. The grossly exaggerated, absurd pictures which deface so many catalogues and reflect upon the integrity of those who issue them, do not appear in this. The list of potatoes is good, and several new kinds are offered, among them Early Market. It is said to be of the Ohio Class and is especially recommended for early marketing, as the quality is excellent in the early stages of growth.—Rural New Yorker.

Send 10 cents (which amount may be deducted from first order) to JAMES VICK, seedsman, Rochester, N. Y., for copy of Guide.

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