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BAD BOOKS.

Would the Christian parents of today grant a venomous serpent admission to their homes? No, they would close their doors against it, they would do more, they would stamp out its life to prevent it doing injury in the future.

And what shall we say of the author who prostitutes his pen to the concoction of such accursed stories? How debased and contemptible his nature; he were better wallowing with the hogs, whose filthy nature he seems to have in large proportions, for it is our positive conviction that Zola, whose works are commonly supposed to be personifications of vice, never wrote a book nearly as vile or more of an acme of realism than any one of those to which we have referred.

gerated in our description of these books, any bookseller will recommend them to him; he can select any one and read it; if he does not experience a violent attack of nausea and disgust before he has finished, we will draw all we have said.

HOW IS IT WITH THEE? Next week is one of the most important weeks in the Catholic year, inasmuch as it commemorates the sublime sacrifice of the Son of God, whereby it was made possible for us poor sinners to escape the wrath of a just and outraged Creator and prepared the means whereby we, if we but avail ourselves thereof, may pass an eternity of happiness in God's presence.

THE IRRESPONSIBLE EDITOR. We love him for the enemies he has made. This sentiment, recently applied to an ex-president, should inspire the heart of every honest Catholic toward Bishop Wigger, of Newark, N. J. By the following explicit declaration last Sunday, that prelate has drawn upon his head the wrathful thunders of Rochester's organ of the state school nurses: "The Catholic Church does not believe that the public school is the proper place for children of Catholic faith to be educated."

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John Gilmary Shea, in the Catholic News, wishes to know if, when the proposed statue of Columbus, at Washington, is dedicated, the prominent positions in the religious exercises are to be given to Protestant clergymen to the exclusion of Catholic priests; also whether it would be reasonable to make the dedication a Masonic ceremony? He instances the fact that Columbus was a Catholic, and that his native Italy and adopted home, Spain, were and are Catholic.

We perfectly agree with the Democrat that the Board of Education should not be a police force to expel children to attend parochial schools. But who asked the Board to place themselves in such a position? If they are in a muddle, it was none of our seeking, and we don't care a pi-ayunc how they get out of it.

ARCHBISHOP HEISS. The Venerable Prelate Goes to His Reward, After a Well Spent Life. Archbishop Michael Heiss, of Milwaukee, died at La Crosse on Wednesday last, after an illness of several months, at the age of 72 years.

Shortly afterwards he repaired to the ecclesiastical seminary at Eichstedt, receiving Holy Orders from the hands of Cardinal Reissach on October, 18, 1840. He was assigned to a curacy, but came to America in 1843. For some time he was connected with the Church of the Mother of God, in Covington, Ky. Here he remained until the Most Rev. John Martin Henni was made Bishop of Milwaukee, when he was appointed his secretary, and did much to build up the Church in the State of Wisconsin.

In 1846 he went to Europe and on his return he became president of St. Francis Seminary an institution which he founded in conjunction with Dr. Joseph Salzman. Here his ability as a theologian was given an opportunity to manifest itself, and he published many works that are famed for their erudition. The Diocese of Milwaukee was divided in 1868 and within its limits that portion of the State consisting north and west of the Wisconsin river. On September 6, 1868, Rev. Michael Heiss was consecrated bishop, and how well he developed the good work begun by Bishop Henni can be seen in the flourishing condition of the diocese to-day.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

Programme of the Exercises for Holy Week at the Cathedral. The following is the order for Holy Week at the Cathedral: Palm Sunday—Masses at 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Blessing and distribution of palm at last mass. Solemn singing of the Passion according to St. Matthew. The evening service will be for the men only, and it will be the closing exercise of the retreat; it will consist in the recitation of the rosary, sermon, papal benediction, and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

There will be masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of Holy Week at 5, 5:30 and 8 a. m. Holy Thursday the exercises will begin at 10 a. m. There will be the consecration of the holy oils, pontifical mass, procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the repository. Communion will be at 6, 7, and 8 a. m. Good Friday the services begin at 9 a. m. There will be the uncovering and veneration of the Cross, singing of the Passion according to St. John, procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the high altar, mass of the pre-atory exercises.

Holy Saturday services will begin at 9 a. m. There will be blessing of the new fire, paschal candle, baptismal and holy waters, singing of the prophecies and celebration of high mass. Easter Sunday—Masses at the usual hours for Sunday. At 10:30 there will be Pontifical high mass, at the close of which the Te Deum will be sung. Confessions will be heard on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock and on the other four days from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m., except from 12 to 2:30 and during time of service.

THE ANNUAL RETREAT

For the Men of the Cathedral Given by Rev. Father Gannon, S. J. Wednesday evening the large edifice was filled to overflowing. Father Gannon preached a powerful sermon on "Hell," taking as his text, "Which of you can dwell in consuming fire?" In opening he said Hell was God's prison house, the privation of all good, the accumulation of all evil.

He then proceeded to depict the tortures of those condemned to an eternity in hell, saying: Did you ever go into a hospital and go through the wards, noticing the pain and agony experienced by many of the inmates? This is nothing to Hell. Have you stood by a burning building in which there were human beings for whom there was no escape; have you heard their frenzied cries for aid; have you noticed the despairing look upon their faces as they sank back into the flames to meet their inevitable death? This is nothing to Hell. Have you read of passengers on a ship on fire in mid-ocean, who were racked with fear, knowing if they escaped death by burning, they would succumb to the angry element in which they were floating? This is nothing to Hell.

Remember, too, that one mortal sin, unrepented of, sends your soul to Hell. Mortal sin is the stamp of eternal damnation. When you are in Hell that imagination, which you have so often prostituted to unholy uses, will then work out your own condemnation. It will bring vividly before you the awful sins of your past life and also the beauties and sublimity of the virtues you have despised; you will see both sides of your character and realize what you have thrown away. All your God-given senses will re-set as curses upon you. You will hear naught but wailings of lost souls, and see nothing but demons and devils.

The preacher then advised all his hearers to meditate often on Hell, closing as follows: "He who thinks often and seriously of Hell will never taste its bitterness after death." The Week's Deaths. This week's deaths included: Kate Donovan, 94 Court street; Michael Welch, St. Mary's hospital, 92 years; Michael Powell, 67 S. Ford street, 55 years; Mrs. Jno. Murray, 36 Frankfort street, 34 years; Joseph Hohmann, 1 Moran street, 77 years.

Weekly Church Calendar

SUNDAY, Mch. 30—Palm Sunday. St. Matt. xxv and xxviii. St. John muchus, Abbott. MONDAY, 31—St. Guy, Abbott and Fessor. TUESDAY, April 1st—St. Hugh, Bishop and Confessor. WEDNESDAY, 2—St. Frances of Rome, Confessor. THURSDAY, 3—St. Irene, Sisc. and C. Martyrs. FRIDAY, 4—St. Isidor, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor. SATURDAY, 6—St. Vincent, Ferrer, Confessor.

Five Years at Auburn.

An affecting scene was witnessed in the court of Oyer and Terminer Thursday morning when ex-City Treasurer John A. Davis was arraigned before Judge Adams on the charge of embezzling \$60,777.13 of the funds of the city of Rochester. Mr. Davis pleaded guilty to the charge, saying he never expected to be in the position he then was; that he fully realized the enormity of his sin and had solved to remain and take his punishment, rather than fly as some of his friends had advised; and that he would endeavor, when released, to lead a better life and provide for dear ones dependent upon him. Davis was visibly affected during his remarks and his voice trembled times. In passing sentence, Judge Adams said the Court had carefully examined into all the details of the case, and could see therein no extenuating circumstances; the Court saw no reason why the highest penalty the law should not be pronounced, but in view of the fact that he had remained and met his fate, and that the disgrace and mortification experienced in being sentenced to a prison cell would be, of itself, almost sufficient punishment, the Court was disposed to be more lenient than it otherwise would; the sentence imposed was five years in Auburn state prison. Mr. Davis was immediately conducted to the county jail by Sheriff Hodgson. While there he expressed himself perfectly satisfied with what he had done in facing his punishment and with the disposition the court had made of his case. He expressed his intention to lead a different life after his release. He was taken to Auburn Friday morning.

Funeral of George D. Watters.

The funeral of the late George D. Watters took place at 9 a. m. Tuesday from the residence of his father, 438 State street and at 10 a. m. from the Cathedral. The large edifice was filled with friends and acquaintances, who came to show their respect for the man they had known so long and so favorably. The floral offerings were very beautiful and included "Gates Ajar" with the inscription "Cousin" from George, Mort, John and Willie Watters; crescent and star; sickle and sheaf, Prof. Eugene Bonn; basket from Wm. Butler Crittenden. Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. J. P. Kiernan.

The following dispatch appeared in the daily papers this week. It tells a story of devotion and noble self-sacrifice: HALIFAX, N. S. March 23, 1890.—An epidemic of diphtheria has swept over Burin, N. F. There is no doctor in the district, and the sufferers were attended by Rev. Father Walsh, who, with his own hands, cleaned out the throats of the victims. Out of forty cases that the priest attended only one proved fatal. Then the brave priest took the dread disease himself, and succumbed after a few days' illness.

Five cents for Rob Roy Cough Drops.

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