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### NATURE AND NATURE'S GOD.

"In the bosom of Nature there beats no heart for man."

How true is the above. Did you ever go forth from the bedside, perchance death-bed, of a near relative, and gaze upon the page of Nature, spread open for your inspection? Did the sun shine less brightly? Was there one blade of grass less green? Had the flowers lost one whit of their bloom? Was the sky less azure? Was there any sympathy in Nature for your bereavement? Ah, no. She seemingly realized not that your heart was almost rent in twain by grief and anxiety; she apparently was unconcerned by your troubles, millstones about your neck though they appeared to be. What difference does it make to her whether one poor, sinful mortal, more or less, is in this world? Her course is unchanged. Ages upon ages has she rolled on in her course, and ages upon ages after we are gone and forgotten she will still pursue the same road. The earth will still move daily around the sun; the days will be as bright and the nights as dark; season will follow season, flowers blossom and wither, trees clothe themselves in foliage and, in the inevitable march of months, strip their selves of their green dress and bare their heads to the winter's blast, the thundering millstones of time continue to grind forth their grist of humanity, only to return the flour to the bosom of nature from whence it came.

Where, then, can the heart with a spark of feeling find satisfaction in the worship of Nature alone? What can he find in her to venerate? Does she offer him any sympathy or encouragement in the thorny path from the cradle to the grave? If, then, poor humanity look not "through Nature up to Nature's God," pitiable, indeed, is his end. Remorseless Nature, when he returns to her bosom, soon consigns him to be food for worms, and in a short time the once proud and mighty man is a festering, putrid mass. Does any man with an atom of common sense mean to say he was brought into the world by the caprice of Nature, only to be withdrawn from this sphere when it suits her whim? To even the most untutored mind it would seem apparent that there must be some all-powerful being controlling and directing this mythical personage whom we call Nature. Why not then worship that head, that controlling genius? How absurd it is to worship the creature instead of the creator!

### WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

The *Catholic Record* asks: "Do Catholics Get Fair Play in the Secular Press?" and expresses the opinion that they do not. Well, if they do not, whose fault is it? Taken in a commercial light, if articles reflecting discreditably upon the Catholic Church are applauded by the radical non-Catholics, tolerated and tacitly approved by the more enlightened Protestants and uncondemned and not protested against by Catholics, the publishers of secular papers are justified in publishing such articles. Taken in a moral sense, of course, they have no business to pursue any such course of action. But whose fault is it that they pursue? We answer

"In many localities where Catholics are strong, the Catholics themselves." If they withdrew their subscriptions and advertisements from journals that slander and abuse them, those papers would soon ease up in their slanderous attacks.

Of course it may be urged that support of slanderous non-Catholic sheets is returning good for evil; but we must confess we don't see it in that light. We opine it is but compounding a felony, and all we have to say is: If a paper slanders you, don't buy or patronize it. If you still contribute toward its support while it persists in its policy of slander and abuse, you are as guilty as its editors and publishers.

### ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.

It is cheering to be able to announce that much success is being met in soliciting subscriptions for St. Mary's hospital. The charity is one that deserves the most cordial sympathy and support of every citizen, of whatever creed he or she may be. The patient, earnest efforts of the Sisters should be encouraged, and no one should turn a deaf ear to the solicitors when they call. There is no one who cannot contribute something. Give as God has blessed you and you will never regret it.

The Common Council and the Chamber of Commerce have been having quite a tilt over the water supply question. The latter body wishes to have an all-gravity system employed in the new conduit, and insisted upon an amendment to the enabling act for the new conduit now before the Legislature, providing that an all-gravity system be adopted. Chief Engineer Tubbs of the water works department favors a pumping system. The Common Council, while a majority of its members favor the all-gravity plan, thought the enabling act should be passed without this amendment, leaving the adoption of any system a matter for after consideration. The two bodies have finally come to a sensible conclusion, viz.: That the enabling act be passed without the troublesome amendment, with the proviso that no system be adopted without the affirmative votes of eleven of the sixteen aldermen. It seems probable that the enabling act will now be passed and Rochester have a new conduit.

In Wisconsin the Supreme Court has decided that the Bible is sectarian and prohibited its reading in the public schools, whereupon the non-Catholic bigots have charged the Catholics with wishing to keep the Bible a closed book. Any person with an atom of common sense knows such is not the case. The version read in the Wisconsin schools is that known as King James'; the Catholics do not acknowledge that as the Bible. The Protestants would not recognize our Douay Bible; neither would the Jews accept any of the New Testament books. What else remained for an unbiased court to do but to prohibit the reading of the Bible as a book of instruction, as it necessarily was?

Bishop Vincent of the Methodist church delivered a lecture in this city Monday evening, in which he declared that all Americans should unite in using the ballot to crush out "parochial schools, which," he said, "were the bane of this country." According to Edith O'Gorman's own statements, Bishop Vincent, then Dr. Vincent, was among the first to champion the alleged "escaped nun." This statement should be sufficient to cause every pure, fair-minded citizen to receive with suspicion anything which Bishop Vincent says.

According to a letter received by William L. Fitzgerald, of the *Catholic Journal of the New South*, the convention of Catholic editors will be held, as decided at the Baltimore Congress, in Cincinnati on the first Wednesday in May.

According to the Roman correspondent of the *Catholic Review* Emperor William of Germany proposes to put a final end to the Kulturkampf.

Judge McGloin of New Orleans, La., is waging, in the *Holy Family*, a righteous campaign against that curse of his State, the Louisiana Lottery company. We are pleased to quote the following with all the emphasis our endorsement can give:

Men can be found who will, for complete safety and a monopoly, organize a syndicate for conduction of any one of the many vices. We might have the La. Train Robbery Co., paying largely for exclusive privileges in the matter of holding up trains. The La. Associated Burglars; the La. Consolidated Highwaymen—either, or both, would cheerfully devote a portion of their spoils to maintaining levees or schools. If it be sound and honorable policy for the State to draw sustenance from gambling; why not put every known vice similarly on tap? If this be at all a matter of mere business: why not have business all along the line? In other words, why not put the entire morals of our people at public auction; and, casting off every trammel, turn hell completely loose in our midst?

From our esteemed contemporary, the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, we clip the following interesting note:

Professor Benjamin O. True, of the Protestant Theological Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., is at present in Rome, and is devoting a considerable share of his time to the study of the Catacombs and the early Christian inscriptions found in these ancient cemeteries. He will be likely to end in doing what a similar course of examination led many to do,—that is, become a humble member of the Catholic church.

Rev. P. A. McKenna has resigned his position as vice-president of the Irish National League. Father McKenna says the Clan-na-Gael controls the league, and that he does not approve of Clan-na-Gael methods.

### AT CORPUS CHRISTI.

The Mission Now In Progress Most Successful.

Fathers O'Donoghue and Le Fevre are meeting with great success in the mission they are conducting at Corpus Christi church. Last week 600 women made the mission, and the services, both morning and evening, were largely attended.

This week the men's mission is in progress, and is being made by a large number of the sterner sex. The evening services find the church filled with earnest, thoughtful men, who listen with close attention to the words of instruction that flow from the lips of the eloquent preachers.

Wednesday morning, at the 8:30 o'clock mass, Father O'Donoghue preached on the sin of "stealing." He scored unmercifully those employers who sought to pay their employees less than they really earned, and said they were, in fact, robbing the poor. The employee, too, who tried to shirk his work and get his day's pay for half a day's work, was also guilty of theft. People of both classes may prosper for a time, but in the end they will be far worse off. The reverend speaker also paid his respects to the merchants who, in petty ways, cheated their customers of what was due them, and said they were also guilty of stealing. Thirty-five inches did not make a yard or fifteen ounces a pound.

"It is not enough," said the speaker, "to accuse ourselves in the confessional of stealing. We have something else to do. We must make restitution. This is a solemn obligation imposed upon us. It is restitution or damnation. The man who has stolen, who has not paid his debts—the same thing—who has cheated any one in the smallest degree, must make restitution. What has been stolen must be restored to the person from whom it has been taken. It will not suffice to donate a like amount to charity. Of course you may say 'If I do so, I will lose my honor; I will be disgraced.' That makes no difference. It is a solemn obligation imposed upon us by God; and we must not disregard it. If you will use as much of your wits in restitution as you did in making money, you can accomplish it without disgracing yourself. If the person from whom it was stolen is dead and was a Catholic, a good way to make restitution is to expend the amount in masses for the repose of his soul." In conclusion, Father O'Donoghue said priests did not urge restitution because they liked to hear themselves talk, but because it was a duty imposed upon them by God.

### Book Reviews.

Fr. Pustet & Co., New York and Cincinnati. "A Short and Practical May-Devotion," compiled by Clementinus Deymann, O. S. F., approved and recommended by Rt. Rev. J. J. Hogan, Bishop of Kansas City. It consists of meditations for each day of May, translated from a May devotion generally used in German congregations. They are composed of a series of reflections on some of the principal truths of our holy religion, and on the virtues so brilliantly practiced by the Blessed Virgin. The book is of convenient size, bound in paper, and costs 20 cents.

From the same publishers comes a handy little brochure of 132 pages, containing meditations on the *Feni Sancte Spiritus*, with devotions for the novena in preparation for the feast of Pentecost, compiled from various sources, by a Sister of Mercy. It also contains a method of hearing mass during the novena, other prayers, the office of the Holy Ghost and the Litany of the Holy Spirit. Judging from the dedication, "To the Spirit of Life and Truth, who having led me into the One True Faith, will, I trust, abide with me until the end," we should judge the author to be a convert. Paper, 20 cents.

### Canal Appointments.

The following appointments on section 9 of the Erie canal have been announced by Superintendent Gunsaul:

- Lock 66—Daniel Hibbard, Con. O'Leary, John Stevison, John Martin.
- Lock 65—Jos. Kimpel, Patrick Lynch, Ed. Bushler, Wm. Murry.
- Exchange street swing bridge—John O'Rourke, Dennis McCrone.
- Plymouth avenue bridge—Owen O'Neil, Michael Mulqueen.
- West Main street lift bridge—Jno. Scott, Chas. McNally.
- Allen street lift bridge—Phil. Zern, Jacob Bauer.
- Brown street lift bridge—M. Cloonin, Martin Kernan.
- Smith street lift bridge—A. Knope, J. Casey.
- Lyell avenue lift bridge—P. O. Grady, Pierce Gunning.
- Relief bridge tender—P. K. Cullen.

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Rob Roy Cough Drops, 5

The Holy Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to a large class of adults at Corpus Christi church tomorrow afternoon.

Rev. J. J. McCarthy, who has been absent for some time in the west seeking to regain his impaired health, returned to this city this week and is now stopping at the residence of Mrs. Sullivan, on Adams street. We regret to add that Father McCarthy's health is not improved.

D. B. Murphy has been elected secretary of the Lake View Homestead Association. Owen Gaffney is one of the directors.

### Notice.

Geo. W. Terry of Lima, N. Y., is no longer connected with this paper. Until further notice we will have no authorized collector.

The New York *Herald* recently published portraits of the American students in the American college in Rome. Among them were Messrs. Miller, Breen, Meehan, Nolan, Maguire and Gelfell, of this diocese.

We desire to return thanks to our neighbor the *Syracuse Sentinel* for favors received during the past week.

### Removed.

Mr. T. Miller, formerly at 66 West Main street, has removed to No. 90, and will be pleased to see all his old customers. Those wishing to purchase anything in the line of ladies' and gents' furnishing and fancy goods, will do well to inspect his stock. He has as complete an assortment of articles comprising this class as can be found in the city. Hats and caps of all styles and designs are made a specialty. Mechanics will find a large stock of aprons suitable for their use to select from. Shirts made to order, when desired, and perfect fit guaranteed. Laundry work done on short notice and in the most workmanlike manner. His place of business is convenient to all. Don't forget the new location—90 West Main street.

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JOHN: Ha, ha, ha, if you ever struck a nail on the head, you did it this time, for I just came out of J. E. Mook's Photo Studio, 40 State street, and I had some taken, and, just think, the operator had to hold the machine as he opened the caps, for the camera commenced to jump!

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