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THE POPE'S ENCYCICAL

The long expected letter of the
Holy Father to the Bishops of the
United States has at last been made
public.

For months alleged forecasts of
the important document have been
given in the daily and in many of
the Catholic papers of the country.
Judging the letter by these pub-
lished rumors regarding its charac-
ter, one naturally received the impres-
sion, that the Holy Father was to re-
buke the conservative Catholic pre-
lates of the country, pat the few
liberal Catholics on the back, and
applaud the course of recalcitrant
and assailants of Bishops generally.
A perusal of the real encyclical will
show how utterly unreliable were
these reports and how little depend-
ence can be placed on stories origi-
nating from similar sources. Pope
Leo says the Apostolic Delegation
was not established to curtail the
powers of the Bishops. He is very
clear and emphatic on this one point.
Listen to him:

"They did this not by an advan-
tious, but an inherent right. For, the
Roman Pontiff, upon whom Christ has
conferred ordinary and immediate
jurisdiction as well over all and singular
parishes as over all and singular
pastors and faithful, since he cannot
personally visit the different re-
gions and thus exercise the pastoral
office over the flock entrusted to him,
finds it necessary from time to time
in the discharge of that ministry im-
posed on him, to dispatch legates in-
to different parts of the world accord-
ing as the need arises, who, supply-
ing his place, may correct errors,
make the rough ways plain, and ad-
minister to the people conduced to
their care increased means of salva-
tion. But how unjust and baseless
would be the suspicion should it any-
where exist, that the powers confer-
red on the legate are an obstacle to
the authority of the bishops. Sacred
to us, more than any other, are the
rights of those whom the Holy Ghost
has placed as bishops to rule the
church of God. That these rights
should remain intact in every nation,
in every part of the globe, we both
desire and ought to desire, the more
so since the dignity of the individual
bishops is by nature so interwoven
with the dignity of the Roman Pontiff
that any measure which benefits the
one necessarily protects the other.
My honor is the honor of the univer-
sal church. My honor is the unim-
paired vigor of my brethren. Then
am I truly honored when to each due
honor is not denied. Therefore, since
it is the office and function of an
Apostolic Legate, with whatsoever
power he be vested, to execute the
mandates and interpret the will of
the Pontiff who sends him, far from
his being of any detriment to the or-
dinary power of the bishops, he will
rather bring an accession of stability
and strength."

Yet a certain class of Catholic
writers have, ever since Mgr. Satelli
came to this country, sought to give
the impression that the main object
of the Holy Father in sending him
here was to curb the power of the
Bishops, some of whom were compar-
ed by one Catholic writer to "Irish
landlords."

Another very important feature
of the Holy Father's letter is that
it deals with Catholic
education. He administers this

strong rebuke to the class of writers
alluded to above.

Those who desire to be of real ser-
vice to the Church and with their
pens heartily to defend the Catholic
cause, should carry on the conflict
with perfect unanimity and, as it
were, with serried ranks, for they
rather inflict than repel war, if they
waste their strength by discord. In
like manner their work instead of be-
ing profitable and fruitful, becomes
injurious and disastrous whenever
they presume to call before their tri-
bunal decisions and acts of bishops
and casting off due reverence, cavil
and find fault, not perceiving how
great a disturbance of order and how
many evils are thereby produced.

Let them then be mindful of their
duties and not overstep proper limits
of moderation. Bishops placed in
the lofty position of authority are to
be obeyed and suitable honor befitting
the magnitude and sanctity of their
office should be paid them. Now this
reverence which it is lawful to none
to neglect, should of necessity be
emphatically conspicuous and exemplar-
y in Catholic journals, for journals
naturally circulating far and wide,
come daily into the hands of every-
body and exert no small influence
upon the opinions and morals of the
multitude.

"We have ourselves on frequent
occasions, laid down many rules re-
specting the duties of a good writer,
many of which were unanimously in-
culcated as well by the third council
of Baltimore, as by the Archbishops
in their meeting at Chicago in the
year 1893. Let Catholic writers,
therefore, bear impressed on their
minds our teachings and yours on
this point and let them resolve that
their entire method of writing shall
be thereby guided, if they indeed de-
sire as they ought to desire, to dis-
charge their duty well.

MR SATOLLI'S MISSION

Before the Gridiron Club, of Wash-
ington, Mgr. Satelli made an address
last week in which he took occasion
to define his mission in America. His
statement ought to allay the fears of
nervous members of the A. P. A. who
believe the Apostolic Delegate came
to this country for the purpose of
taking it back to Rome with him.
Mgr. Satelli said:

"From the day of my arrival in
America down to the present moment
I have had every reason to feel
pleased with the press of this country,
to conceive the most exalted opinion
of it, to appreciate its great impor-
tance, to nourish for it feelings of
sincere and imperishable gratitude.
If you desire to know my mission
among you, you will find it expressed
in the conditions enumerated for my
favorable reception here by a well-
meaning but misled writer in the
Forum two years ago. It is to help
to teach the ignorant, to raise the
fallen, to lead the guilty and peni-
tent to the invisible and divine Sav-
ior, who alone has power to forgive
sin, to console the sorrowing, to edify
the believing, to promote righteous-
ness, liberty, sympathy and the spirit
of Christian brotherhood throughout
the land."

"If you want to know what my
mission is not, you have it in the
words of this same writer, in which
he explains what he thinks it is. He
asserts that I am here to further the
claims of the Pope to a kingdom of
this world, a kingdom which em-
braces the whole world, 'all the
kingdoms of the world and the glory
of them'. In my own name and in
that of Leo XIII, who sent me, I re-
pudiate any such purpose. And when
it shall please the Pope to recall me,
trusting in the kindness and recti-
tude of the press, as Samuel of old,
in laying down the government of
Israel, appealed to the assembled
people to express their satisfaction
or dissatisfaction with his adminis-
tration, so I shall not hesitate to pre-
sent to the press of the country the
record of my labors and say, 'Judge
me.'"

TOM MOORE'S FAITH

Because Thomas Moore, the sweet-
est of Ireland's bards, married outside
the Church, and because so little has
heretofore been known regarding the
last two years of his life, it has been
asserted that the author of the Irish
melodies died a Protestant. A thor-
ough investigation, the results of
which are given by Rev. Dr. Ambrose,
in a recent number of the *Irish Ec-
clesiastical Review*, disposes of this
story effectually. Moore never was
a Protestant. The rector of the Epis-
copalian Church, near which Moore
lived, and of which his wife was a
member, is still alive. He testifies
that Moore often accompanied his
wife to the door of the church but
never attended the services. He re-
mained a member of the Roman Cath-
olic Church to the end of his days.

For the last two years of his life the
once brilliant poet was a mental
wreck, and his wife would allow no
one to see him; but he never deserted
the Church in which he was brought
up.

ASHAMED OF THEIR RELIG- ION

In referring to the new President
of France last week we stated that
he was a Catholic. This was an
error according to the latest infor-
mation - M. Faure is a Protestant.
At the time of his election, however,
when the Deputies were about to
choose the President, some one
stated the story that M. Faure was
a Protestant. This was done to in-
fluence some of the Catholic Deput-
ies against him. He denied the story
the cable despatch stated, and vehe-
mently affirmed that he was a Catho-
lic. We would have been more cor-
rect, therefore, had we said that the
new President of France, like his pre-
decessor is ashamed of his religion,
for it is said that Casimir-Perier,
though in private life a practical
Catholic, was so desirous of standing
well in the estimation of the infidel
element in France that he totally ig-
nored the name of God in his state
papers.

FUNERAL CATHOLICS

Is the apt name given by a Roob-
ester priest to those nominal mem-
bers of the fold who are seen at church
only when a wedding or funeral is
taking place. "Then," to quote the
Rev gentleman's words, "they come
without a prayer book and seem
not to know how they should act in
church." The only other occasion
aside from a wedding or a funeral, on
which they are heard from is when
death threatens them. They are glad
at such a time to accept the consol-
ation of the religion they have so long
despised and neglected.

Yesterday was St. Blasius' day, on
which the faithful seek safety from
all throat diseases by having that or-
gan blessed. St. Blasius had the re-
markable gift of healing even the
most dangerous throat troubles by
simply touching the person afflicted.
That power came from God, and God
can dispense it through the priests of
his church at the altar rail as well as
through the great saint, whose mirac-
les made him famous. The faith of
the people in this annual ceremony is
therefore founded on a substantial
basis.

There was one feature of the ball
given by the Ancient Order of Hiber-
nians in this city Thursday evening,
that redounds to the credit of our
Catholic women.
Among the hundreds of young ladies
present, not one low-neck dress was
seen. The daughters of our Irish
Americans retain their modesty. It
naturally follows that they will retain
their purity.

Conde B. Pallen has temporarily re-
turned from the editorship of *Church
Progress*. Literary labor, including
addresses at both the eastern and
western Summer Schools next sum-
mer, will demand his attention for a
time. Mr. Pallen is one of the ablest
and soundest of American Catholic
journalists, and even his temporary
retirement is a loss to the Catholic
press.

The value of the rumors now be-
ing circulated regarding Bishop Mc-
Quaid and the Vatican is well sum-
med up in these few words of the
Rt. Rev. Bishop himself:

"All these stories are manufactur-
ed by a clerical clique in New York
and the neighborhood. First they
had me summoned to Rome, next day
they have me scolded. I wait pa-
tiently for the next piece of news."

We like the honest, plain, and im-
partial style of the *Catholic Journal*
of the South.

OUR EXCHANGES

KANSAS CITY CATHOLIC.
Whatever widens and enriches life,
whatever emancipates the soul, is
good," says Bishop Spaulding in his
recent work. And the only thing that
emancipates the soul is religion, and
yet they would deny the knowledge
of religion to the children of the
growing generations. What blind-
ness.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Matthew viii 23-27
-At that time: "When He entered
into the boat His Disciples followed
Him And behold a great tempest
arose in the sea, so that the ship was
covered with waves, but He was
asleep And His disciples came to
Him and awaked Him, saying: Lord
we perish And Jesus said to them:
Why are you fearful, O ye of little
faith? Then rising up, He command-
ed the winds and the sea, and there-
came a great calm: But the men
wondered, saying: What manner of
man is this, for the winds and the sea
obey Him?"

From this Gospel we learn that God, the
unexhaustible fountain of goodness, does not
leave His children long in affliction, and that
after the storm He brings the calm, when
we are in affliction we must expect consol-
ation.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sun. Feb. 3-Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.
Epsal. Rom. xii. 8-10. Gos. viii. Matt.
23-27.
Mon. 4-St. Andrew Corsini Bishop and
Confessor.
Tue. 5-St. Philip of Jesus, Martyr
Wed. 6-St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor.
St. Dorothy, Virgin and Martyr.
Thurs. 7-St. Romauld, Abbot
Fri. 8-St. John of Matha, Confessor.
Sat. 9-St. Cyril of Alexandria, a Bishop,
Confessor, and Doctor of the Church, St.
Apollonia, Virgin and Martyr.

FLORIDA FLOWERS.

Whatever other attractions this
sunny land may or may not have, it
certainly is one grand flower garden
nearly the year round, each month
unfolding some new beauties of the
floral kingdom, until one is quite be-
wildered with the variety and bril-
liancy of colors. There is the majes-
tic Spanish Dagger, an erect branch-
less plant some five to seven feet high
or more, and crowned with one huge up-
right tuft of creamy white bell
shaped flowers; the tines of bloom is
around of a water pail. Imagine
if you can, a more grand sight than a
Dagger in full bloom. Then there is
the Oak Geranium, a pretty foliage
plant of bushy habit; the leaves are a
rich dark green, deeply veined, the
shape of an oak leaf, and possesses a
peculiar aromatic fragrance. I first
saw this plant in the North, but here
they grow in wild luxuriance every-
where, as do many other of the north-
er tender plants like Arbutus,
Grapone, Cactus, Easter Lilies, Zae-
sibar Lilies, Hyacinths, etc. I wish
you could see what attracts the Olean-
ders are here; they actually grow
to small trees, 15 to 30 feet high, and
all summer long the top is one com-
plete sea of bloom. I assure you
they do not much resemble their
northern cousins, which, perhaps,
grow a few feet, (possibly five feet),
above a small tub of soil, and occa-
sionally please you with a few clus-
ters of slender flowers. Let me tell
you of a never-to-be-forgotten sight I
witnessed last summer on the broad
St. John's River. Up in the lagoons
grow immense quantities of the beau-
tiful water Hyacinths. During a
heavy high wind tide these plants
somehow broke loose, and for two
days acres of them came floating
down the river. Hundreds of people
thronged the wharfs to see the float-
ing garden-one dazzling mass of
flowers, clothed in the royal colors of
purple and gold, sailing slowly but
surely on, down the stream,
where at last they were sure to meet
destruction as they passed out to meet
the bounding waters of the old Atlan-
tic, and I thought what a pity it was,
too, when Northern florists are so
anxious to get them, as they sell
there quickly at twenty-five cents a
root, and people are very glad to get
them at that.

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Thoughtful Women.

The women of Denver and Colorado,
to a greater extent probably than those
of any other state, have abandoned the
hat wearing habit where it is unneces-
sary and when it is annoying to others.
It is a beautiful sight to look upon to
visit the Denver theaters and see the
large number of women who remove
their hats during the performance. Still
other thoughtful ones are careful to
wear small hats—flat hats or some other
style, shape, fashion, or variety which
will not cause ugly thoughts and bad
words to arise behind them.—Denver
Times.

The New Modre Velvet

Have you seen the new modre velvet?
It is one of the belated importations
which arrives just in time to figure as
a midwinter novelty. Novel it assuredly
is and very rich and beautiful, too. It
is waisted in such a way that a few
feet of it looks like an accordion plaid
velvet. In robin's egg blue and a
tender rose pink it is charming, and I
should think it would be greatly in de-
mand for evening, either as skirts to be
worn with chiffon bodices or as theater
waists, with puffed sleeves of the chiff-
ons.—New York News.

The New Womanshood.

In his recent work on the just now
much talked about theme—the new
woman—James C. Fernald speaks thus
of woman's relation to the home: "It
is not that she can do nothing else, but
that she can do this as no other can. If
she does not make home, home cannot
be made. The world needs her there.
Her own heart calls her there. The
attempt to abolish the individual home
and keep the ideal woman is a predes-
tined failure."

Harriet Hubbard Ayer.

Mrs. Harriet Hubbard Ayer, who was
on lately incarcerated in an insane asy-
lum for 14 months, declares that she
will make it her life work to expose the
treatment of sane people in asylums.
She is about to publish a book relating
her experiences. She is deeply interest-
ed in the cause of working women, es-
pecially those who have been reduced
from wealth to poverty.—Exchange.

A New Sort of Club.

We find in The Journal of Household
Economics a suggestion for a new sort
of club: "Should every graduate who is
not obliged at once to become a wage
earner gather a circle of her neighbors
into a sanitary club and institute a sys-
tematic study of sanitary topics, how
long would it be before such of these
circles would wage successful battle
against life destroying bacteria?"

Clara Myers Flora.

Mrs. Clara Myers Flora, wife of Rev.
Noah Flora of Dallas Center, Ia., was
lately ordained to the full ministry and
eldership in the Progressive Brethren
church by prayer and the laying on of
hands. Mrs. Flora is a student, an elo-
quent speaker and a successful revival-
ist. She has her regular charges and
meets with much success.

NOTICE

Owing to unavoidable circum-
stances we are obliged to go to
press without our regular instalment
of *Pabiola* and *Irish News*. They
will appear as usual next week.

Mrs. Mitchell's Argument.
Mrs. Lauretta M. E. Mitchell has
prepared a statement showing that the
women of Philadelphia county, Pa., are
assessed on real estate \$1,537,575.66
and personal estate and money at inter-
est at \$5,734,133.66. This covers 87
wards and is an average of 30 per cent.
She points to this as an argument for
equal suffrage.

Rev. Lydia Sexton.

Rev. Lydia Sexton, who died in Seat-
tle, Wash., a short time ago, at the age
of 95 years, was born in Essex county,
N. J., and preached for 50 years. She
was a cousin of Bishop Matthew Simp-
son, and her grandfather was Marquis
Anthony Coat, famous in the early
history of the colonies.

A bill has been introduced in the
Tennessee senate to authorize the hold-
ing of the office of district school direc-
tor of public schools by women. In the
house Mr. Shelton has introduced one
authorizing married women to sue in
the courts of the state.

Mrs. Ellen Sully Fray of Toledo has
recently been appointed one of three ad-
ministrators of the estate of Mrs. Sarah
Stevens, whose death occurred a short
time ago.

The most satisfactory dusten are
those made from 5 cent cheesecloth.
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neatly hemmed.

Lady Henry Somerset will be one of
the speakers at the legislative hearings
for woman suffrage in Massachusetts
and in Maine.

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