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THE BRITISH JUBILEE.

Some of the Catholic papers in Canada and England appear to feel badly because Catholic papers in the United States do not "enthuse" over Queen Victoria's jubilee. The Boston "Republic" gives these as its reasons for not sounding the British queen's praises:
"First—Ireland has been ground down into the dust during the reign of Victoria. She has been robbed, depopulated, throttled. Her substance has been stolen or taken away by force. Her ories for political and industrial redress and reform have been ignored. She has been plundered, shackled and despoiled.
Secondly, Victoria is the official head of a church which has been founded upon fraud, robbery and confiscation. It was reared upon a foundation of pillage, false pretense and absolute dishonesty. Its policy has been, since the days, Henry VIII. of impious memory, to persecute Catholics, to seize their property and to curtail their rights and privileges as subjects and citizens. Victoria is the supreme head of that church. When she ascended the throne she subscribed to the following oath. "I do believe that in the sacrament of the Lord's supper there is not any transubstantiation, and that the invocation or adoration of the Virgin Mary or any other saint, and the sacrifice of the mass, as they are now used in the church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous. I do solemnly declare that I make this declaration, and every part thereof, in the plain and ordinary sense of the words read unto me, as they are commonly understood by English Protestants, without any evasion, equivocation or mental reservation whatever, and without any dispensation already granted to me for this purpose by the Pope, or any authority or person whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this declaration or any part thereof; although the Pope or any other person or persons, or power whatsoever, should dispense with or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the beginning."
"For these reasons we decline to 'enthuse' over the jubilee of Queen Victoria, and we shall look with suspicion upon Americans who take any part in it."

From the conversion of Cardinal Newman to the present day there have been more than 500 ministers of the so-called church of England who have become Catholics. The fact is like a five on a hilltop—for all men to see.—Catholic Review.
"And not one of these men ever went upon the platform to abuse, vilify and traduce the Christian men and women from whom he had separated himself. How different it is with the unfortunates who leave or are driven out from the Catholic church," comments the Boston "Republic."
Tomorrow is the feast of Pentecost.

DIVORCE

An Italian scientist, Dr. Morselli, unconsciously pays a tribute to the wisdom of the attitude of the church on divorce, in a recent work, in which he brings forth the new principle that suicide and divorce are closely related, and that, in fact, divorce is the chief cause of suicide. He finds in Germany, where suicides are more frequent than in any other country, that in a term of years 61 married women, 87 young girls, 124 widows, and 348 divorced or separated women committed suicide out of a total of 620 cases. In other words, more than half the suicides among women in Germany were divorced or separated women. The inference drawn by Dr. Morselli from this is that a severance of matrimonial association, either by formal process of law or otherwise, has a disastrous effect upon the women so separated. And the figures of Dr. Morselli show, in fact, the same things among the male suicides of Germany. Of 4,000 male suicides 204 were married men, 274 unmarried men, 888 widowers, and 2,644 divorced or separated men. From these figures, too, the conclusion is irresistible that married men, in Germany at least, are not prone to suicide, and men who have been married, but divorced, are the chief suicides. It is interesting to note in this connection that in Catholic Ireland, where, practically, divorce is unknown, the ratio of suicides is less than in any other country.

MAKING AMENDS—OR WHAT?

On several occasions THE JOURNAL has seen fit to criticize the Albany "Journal" for bigotry as evinced in its columns. Last week the "Journal" took a new tack, whether from conviction that its previous utterances were wrong or to curry favor for the republican party from Albany Catholics in the coming municipal election, we are unable to say. However, we will be fair and permit our readers to be the judge. Anent Monsignor Martinielli's visit to Albany the "Journal" said editorially on "Catholics and Citizenship":
"So much has been said and written, not always in a spirit of frankness and honesty regarding the policy of the Catholic church in the United States, that the words of Mgr. Martinielli, the apostolic delegate at the Catholic Union... have a significance which will appeal to all men of liberal thought.
"Responding to President Hussey's eloquent address, the archbishop said, 'The Catholic church has always gladly encouraged and promoted organizations such as this because she knows that when their aim and scope is attained, the greatest advantages are sure to follow, both to church and to state.
"'I, therefore, desire to add in my words of encouragement, confident that as you become better Catholics, you will also be better citizens. I thank you for the cordial reception which you have tendered me, and appreciate highly the honor you have conferred upon me.'
"The representative of the Pope has thus declared that good Catholics and good citizens are synonymous terms. Loyalty to the constitution of the United States and obedience to the law of the land is the test of good citizenship, and the apostolic delegate says that this is expected of all good Catholics.
"Of course, this has always been known by those who are in touch with the spirit of the times, but there are some persons who will persist in trying to keep the fires of bigotry alive by assigning sinister purposes to the Church of Rome when none exist."
A REMARKABLE SOCIETY.
A remarkable Catholic Truth society has recently come into existence at Wellsville, O. The members of this association are all converts to the Catholic faith. They are 23 in number, and of them six were once Episcopalians, five Presbyterians, four Methodists, two Campbellites, one a Lutheran and five of no particular sect. They ought to know what sort of Catholic reading and argument is best calculated to convince Protestants of the truth of Catholic doctrine, and their society, should, therefore, prove a potent agency in the good work it has undertaken.

A HEROINE

One of the magazines of the month has a story wherein the leading character is a French Sister of Mercy, who is decorated with the Legion of Honor for bravery and fidelity. That such persons are not of the imagination alone may be judged from an order issued by President Faure, who awards the cross to Sister Laurent of the order of St. Paul de Chartres, who has spent 49 years in the wards of the military hospitals, having served during the smallpox epidemic of '49, during a yellow fever outbreak at Martinique in '55; in one of typhoid and smallpox at Vernon, '70; of scarlet fever, '88, and of typhoid at Dreux, '83 and '94. The sister is now located at the last-mentioned place, where she is still doing hospital duty.

The New York Sun does not believe in Americans gushing over the jubilee of Queen Victoria. It has said: "Every American citizen who subscribes to the proposed preposterous tribute to Queen Victoria should be a marked man. His should be the fate of those Tories of the Revolutionary epoch, who for the betrayal of their country and shameful subservience to George III. were branded, ostracized and eventually hounded out of their native land."

The Knights of St. John occupied the second division of the Memorial day parade and looked very handsome. One lady was heard to remark to another that she didn't care if they were Catholics; they looked just splendid, and kept such nice step, too. The Hibernian Rifles were also complimented by many along the line of march, which all goes to show that our Catholic societies are appreciated.

Although Gov. Black signed something like 300 less bills than ex-Gov. Morton did in 1896, the bill for printing the session laws will be just as large this year as last—because there are a number of unconscionably long bills in the list.
"According to the cable dispatches, Germany has decided to paint all its cruisers and battleships an olive green. When the United States government contemplated a similar policy the A. P. A. "patriots" protested. They were displeased with the color. It was too Irish.

Governor Black evidently means to emulate David B. Hill and have all the papers in the state against him. It is bad policy, governor.

It looks as though President McKinley knew what sort of a Catholic he picked up when he appointed Joseph McKenna attorney-general.
Governor Black did just what the people of Rochester wanted him to, when he refused to approve the White charter. It was not asked for by a corporal's guard in Rochester.

Catholics cannot be expected to wax enthusiastic over Queen Victoria's jubilee. She has sworn undying enmity to the Catholic church.

The tariff question should be taken out of politics. It is an outrage that business should be upset every few years just to oblige a few designing politicians and their political benefactors.

It is to be hoped the new grade crossing law will accomplish what it was ostensibly passed for—abolish grade crossings.

The police should rigidly enforce the anti-expectoration ordinance.

Evidently the silver issue has not been squelched.

We wonder how much longer Mayor Warner is going to keep Col. Schlick in the background.

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THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. John xiv. 23-31.
At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: "If any one love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make our abode with him. He that loveth Me not, keepeth not My words. And the word which you have heard is not Mine; but the Father's Who sent Me. These things have I spoken to you, abiding with you. But the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you. Peace I leave with you: My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. You have heard that I said to you: I go away and come again to you. If you loved Me, you would indeed be glad, because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it came to pass: that when it shall come to pass you may believe. I will not speak many things with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and in Me he hath not anything. But that the world may know that I love the Father: and as the Father hath given Me commandment, so do I. Arise, let us go hence."

What are we to do on this day?
We should admire and adore the power of the Holy Ghost, and beseech Him to renew His wonders in our souls, and render thanks to God, who on that day and in such manner accomplished the mysteries of the faith and the establishment of His Holy Church.

Weekly Church Calendar
Sunday, June 6—Pentecost or Whitsunday. Less. Acts ii 1-11; Gosp. xiv 23-31
Monday, 7—White-Monday
Tuesday, 8—White-Tuesday
Wednesday, 9—Of the Octave of Pentecost. SS. Primitus and Felician, Martyrs. Ember Day Fast
Thursday, 10—Of the Octave. St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, widow
Friday, 11—Of the Octave. Ember day. Fast
Saturday, 12—Of the Octave. St. John of St. Facundo, Confessor. SS. Basilides and Companions Martyrs. Ember day. Fast

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To Introduce the Metric System.
The metric system of weights and measures is recommended for adoption by all departments of the United States government in house bill 1068, introduced by Congressman Hurley. This bill proposes to make the metric system the legal system of weights and measure recognized in the United States after July 1, 1900, in the transaction of all business requiring the use of weight and measurement, except in completing public land surveys. The Illinois Society of Engineers and Surveyors at its late annual meeting passed resolutions advocating the exclusive use of the metric system at or soon after the beginning of the new century.

Copper Colored Green Cheese.
The remarkable green color of some Italian cheeses proves not to be due to bacteria, as has been supposed, but to the presence of copper. A good Parmesan cheese is produced only from milk that has reached a high degree of acidity, and in some parts of Italy this milk is kept in copper vessels. In 35 samples of green Parmesan cheese from various places Dr. Mariana has found from 0.4 to 1.7 grains of copper to the pound. That the color is due to copper alone appears from the fact that cheese is made on the same principle in the south of Italy and shows no green, the milk being kept in tin lined vessels.

Doors of Built Up Woods.
The system of woodworking known as the "built up" method, and now coming more and more into vogue, is said to be employed advantageously in the manufacture of doors, the claim being that by thus cementing together thin boards or veneers of different woods transversely with the grain greater strength, flexibility and durability are obtained than exists in an equal sized piece of any of the woods individually.

An Old Slot Machine.
There is now in the British museum a nickel in the slot machine which dates from a period long before the birth of Christ. It is a combination of jug and slot machine used for the dispensation of holy water. A coin of the value of 3 drachmas dropped into the slot opened a valve which allowed a few drops of the liquid to escape.

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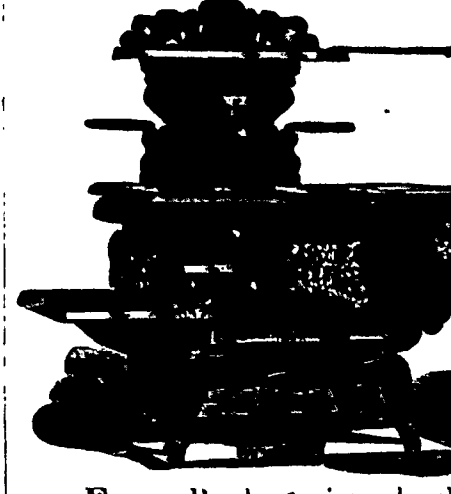
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