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AN EVASIVE ANSWER

We alluded a few days ago to the adoption of a text book that savored of bigotry in the public schools of Hoboken, N. J. The Catholic patrons of the schools protested.

The supervising principal of the Hoboken schools went into consultation with the commissioners of education, and after he emerged from this conclave he issued a statement, of which the following is the essential listen favorably, or even with friendly former rector, Rev. Charles Smith feature: "At first we were disposed to indulgence, to the request of those who felt their religious sentiments of fended. We could not, however, yield off-hand, without investigating, as the book is approved by the state and national authorities, and equally because to have done so might have stirred up ill feeling among those not of Catholio belief, on the ground that we have submitted to Catholic dicta-It is the easiest thing in the tized. world to stir up sectarian bitterness

and very hard to allay it." This is decidedly an evasive an swer. Is it to be supposed for an in stant that if Jews, or Presbyterians, or Baptists made such a protest that such a reply would have been made Were the Hoboken school authorities to adopt a text book in which Catholie doctrines were specifically upheld and Protestantism attacked, would there not have been an outburst of only set an example to the Frenchrighteous indignation? Aye, verily

Then why should a Catholic protest be virtually shelved by the promise of a careful investigation? The Catholics pay their pro rata share of the school taxes and are entitled to decent have suffered the national and retreatment.

Nevertheless the incident is a splendid vindication of the establishment and maintenance of Catholic schools, even if we do have to pay double.

A VIGOROUS DENIAL.

The public press a few days ago rung with sensational accounts and vehement denunciations of a sermon alleged to have been preached by Father Weber in Kingston, N. Y., in which he was made to say that if war were declared between the United States and Spain, it would be the duty of all true Catholics to side with Spain.

We have failed to read in any of the same sensational journals the following letter written by Rev. Father Kuhnen, pastor of the church where Father Weber is assistant:

of can state positively that Rev. Father Weber never made the utterances in my church such as they attributed to him. I most emphatically olicity will soon conquer the world. deny the charges against McKinley and his cabinet, or that the American brand him with the indallible mark of monument committee.

a traitor. The whole secret I have traced back to local vindictiveness, will be cleared of all and every abuse this fact. heaped on the good man."

We give space to this extract from the pastor's letter as an act of justice to a man who was placed in a false light by some reckless or vindictive correspondents of sensational papers."

NOTABLE CONVERSIONS

A number of notable conversions to the Catholic church have been an nounced in the last few weeks. First of all must be mentioned the noted M Brunetiere, the famous critic and edi tor of the "Revue des Deux Mondes. His conversion is a splendid proof of that truth of which our holy church is the one repository that, as a contemporary remarks, "can compel intellect thus to lay on her altar the laurels gathered in the most recondite fields. Following M. Brunetiere came Rev.

George M. P. Bouns, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. His maternal grandfather preached under John Wesley. Mr. Bouns is unmarried and may enter the Catholic priest-

Misses Elizabeth M. Gurney and Emma Arnold, both well known workers in the Protestant Episcopal church in Greater New York have been received into the Catholic church, as have ex-Mayor A. Oakey Hall and Mrs. Hall of New York.

Mrs. Mary Utley Robbins, widow of Judge Chilian Robbins, who was judge of the court of Common Pleas in Freehold, N. J., has formally renounced the creed of the Episcopal church and received baptism as a Catholic. She had been prominent in both New Jersey and Vermont as a member of the advanced ritualistic thinking about it? school of the Episcopal church. Her conversion followed instructions conducted by Rev. Thomas J. Campbell, president of St. John's college, Fordham. She was baptized in the church of Our Lady of Mercy March 7. Her Lewis of Manchester, Vt., was pecially active in his efforts to dissuade her from becoming a Catholic. Since her conversion, she said, she had been ignored absolutely by her relatives. Mme. De Benavides, the wife of Gen. Benavides of the Mexican

These are but a few of the notable conversions since the opening of 1898.

Protestant faith, stood as godmother

to Mrs. Robbins when she was bap-

This significant utterance is found in the columns of the Toronto "Cath-Canada to appear upon a platform among the people on St. Patrick's day was the brilliant young prelate of Montreal. Monsignor Bruchesi not Canadian clergy, breaking the silence in which up to the present time the French Catholic bishops ruling the large and influential Irish Catholic elements in Montreal and Quebec ligious festival of Ireland to pass; but our Irish Catholic bishops, who usu ally participate only in the religious ceremonies of St. Patrick's day, leaving the people to carry out their own arrangements for the national and patriotic observances of the anniver-

dig from the Boston "Pilot": "St. Patrick was a Protestant. So we are informed every year by certain ministers who do not realize that in saying of the earth, but by Thy mercy we are so they are making him out the greatest saint that ever lived, for he performed the unequaled miracle of belonging to a religion a thousand years before it was invented, and he, a Protestant, converted a pagan nation to the Catholic faith, which it has retained ever since. Let us have a few more such Protestant saints and Cath-

Grover Cleveland was too old and Catholics should take up arms against wary a bird to allow himself to be the United States in case of war with trapped into being used as an adver-Spain. You, I presume, know Rev. tising agent for the New York "Jour- verly. Weber personally, and know that he nal." He declined a polite invitais no mach fool, whose stupidity would tion to serve on Mr. Hearst's Maine

There is no need to reiterate that Catholics are loyal to the Stars and and in due time Rev. Father Weber Stripes. History amply demonstrates

> There was no occasion for Poet Laureate Austin to rush into verse over the prospect of an alliance between the United States and Great

Says the New York "Sun": "Munster, in Westphalia, has a public school which has just celebrated the eleven hundredth anniversary of its foundation. It is the St. Paul Gymnasium and was originally a convent school." This is a scorching rebuke to those who prate about the public schools being an outcome of the glorious "Reformation."

The civilized world will regret to learn that Mr. Gladstone is probably suffering from an incurable disease.

At no time in the history of the Papacy has the Pope wielded such an influence as at the present day.

The legislature of 1898 created a new county of that portion of Queens not contained in the greater New York boundaries. It will known as "Nassau." This will make sixtyone counties in the Empire state.

March was beautiful, but April started off bleak enough.

THE JOURNAL congratulates the Union club on the success that has enabled them to lease new quarters.

Have you made your Easter duty? if not, is it not nearly time you were

The Worcester (Mass.) Recorder, is the latest addition to the Catholic

To-day ends the lenten season and to-morrow the church resumes her joyful garments, laid aside for a time.

THE GOSPELS

EASTER SUNDAY.

GOSPEL: St. Mark xvi. 1-7.army, herself a convert from the they might anoint Jesus. And very the methods are carefully explained, so early in the morning, the first day of that the inexperienced may, with its the week, they came to the sepulchre, aid, readily prepare everything for a the sun being now risen. And they good, wholesome meal, or even dainsaid one to another: Who shall roll us ties if he has the necessary materials. back the stone from the door of the The matter is in compact though dusepulchre? And looking, they saw rable form, the whole book weighing the stone rolled back: For it but two ounces. Under a special arwas very great. And entering into rangement, this book will be sent free the sepulchre, they saw a young man to miners or others who may desire it. sitting on the right side, clothed with We would recommend that every one olic Register'': "So far as we are a white robe: and they were aston going to the Klondike procure a copy. aware the only Catholic bishop in ished. Who saith to them: Be not Address Royal Baking Powder Co., affrighted: you seek Jesus of Naza- New York. reth, Who was crucified: He is risen, He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He goeth before Every Catholic Family in the Diocese you into Galilee: there you shall see Him, as He told you.'

With the exception of St. John, the conduct of the apostles during His passion was such that Christ had reason to be displeased with them; but in His great charity He had compossion on their weakness, and still loved graph (not lithograph), 11x14 inches he has also made a precedent even for them; and, in order to console and encourage them, He sends His greeting THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL, who, until to them, and calls them by the endearing name brethren. Besides, by the death of Christ all Christians are the adopted children of the Eternal Father, and brethren of Jesus Christ. After so great an event, this was the first time that a human eye had seen Him; hence for the first time He greets us all by that endearing name, The Protestants will not relish this giving us thereby to understand that by the merits of His death we have acquired a new standing, merited a new name, and have become His brethren. O God! we are but worms brethren of Jesus Christ.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, April 10-Easter Sunday-Epist I Cor. v. 7-8; Gosp. Mark xvi 1-7. Monday, 11—Easter Monday. Tuesday, 12-Easter Tuesday. Wednesday, 13-Of the Octave. Thursday, 14-Of the Octave. Friday, 15—Of the Octave. Saturday, 16—Of the Octave.

THE FORTY HOURS' ADORATION.

April 17—Palmyra, East Rush, Webster, Canandaigua, Cayuga, St. John's, Elmira. April 24-St. Bridget's Rochester; Newark, Bath, Wa-

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TO BECOME DEACONS

ordination Services at

Rev. Mr. Barbier, who is studying at St. Bernard's seminary for the diocese of New Orleans, will be promoted to the order of sub-deacon by the Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid in the seminary chapel Monday, April 11th, at 6.30

The following day Rev. Mr. Barbier, Rev. Aloysius Meyering, Rev. James McKearney, Rev. Mr. Hyland, Rev. Joseph Straub, Rev. Joseph Connors, Rev. Lee Hofschneider, Rev. son and Rev. George F. Burns will be ordained deacons at the same place

One thing should be impressed upon every miner, prospector or trader coming to Alaska, to the Klondike, or the Yukon country, and that is the necessity for providing an adequate and proper food supply. Whether proor at the supply stores here or further on, this must be his primary concern. Upon the manner in which the miner has observed or neglected this precaution more than upon any other will \$1.25. his success or failure depend.

These supplies must be healthful and should be concentrated, but the black, with knife plaiting ends, most careful attention in the selection | 90c. of foods that will keep unimpaired indefinitely under all the conditions which they will have to encounter is imperative. For instance, as bread raised with baking powder must be relied upon for the chief part of every meal, imagine the helplessness of a miner with a can of spoiled baking powder. Buy only the very best flour; it is the cheapest in the end. Experience has shown the Royal Baking | Chiffon Fronts. Powder to be the most reliable and the trading companies now uniformly supply this brand, as others will not keep Ruching running through. in this climate. Be sure that the bacon is sweet, sound and thoroughly cured. These are the absolute necessities upon which all must place a chief reliance, and can under no cir es. cumstances be neglected. They may, of course, be suplemented by as many comforts or delicacies as the prospector may be able to pack or desire to pay for. -From the Alaska Mining Jour-

A book of receipts for all kinds of cookery, which is specially valuable for use upon the trail or in the camp, At that time: "Mary Magdalen, and is published by the Royal Baking Mary the mother of James, and Fa-Powder company, of New York. The lome, brought sweet spices, that coming receipts are thoroughly practical, and

Should Have One.

As this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid as a priest and his thirtieth as a bishop, every Catholic family in the diocese should be in possession of our beautiful large photoof the Rt. Rev. Bishop. The picture will be given to every subscriber of further notice pays a full year's subscription for 1898 in advance, and send us fifty cents extra to cover part of the cost of framing. The photograph is a reproduction of the picture of the Bishop which hangs in St. Bernard's Seminary and is certainly a work of art. It was made by Mr. E. E. Nier, the celebrated artist of Powers Block. The photograph will be handsomely framed with an elegant gold bordered white frame. glass and back. Those who have received the premium are more than satisfied, and say that they do not see how we can give so much for so little your orders.

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