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THE SUFFERING SOULS.

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins."—2 Mach. xii. 46.

The month of November is dedicated to the suffering souls in Purgatory, and it is a fitting selection. The bleak autumn winds seeming to echo the wail of a suffering soul; the lowering skies indicative of suffering and sorrow; the leafless trees, a reminder that all our joys and pleasures must come to an end; the withered grass, tells us that, try as we will, we cannot escape the dread reaper, Death, with his ever-ready sickle—all serve to keep before our minds the solemn fact that as autumn follows summer so death will surely follow.

When we reflect that we, too must die, can we escape a thought of those souls who have left this world and are now in that middle state awaiting their release? We know that when we depart this life, unless we are condemned to eternal darkness, we will enter that middle state, and the length of our stay will depend in a great measure on the interest shown in our future by those who are left behind. If they are careless and forgetful of what they owed us while in life; if they neglect to say a prayer for us or to have mass said for the repose of our souls, or in any other manner to aid us in paying the penalty our sins have entailed, God's mercy alone will determine the length of our stay in Purgatory.

Should we not then look ahead, as does the prudent business man and, as it were, store up treasures for future need? If we say prayers and have mass said for the suffering souls they will never forget us, and God Himself alone can foresee the inestimable benefits that will accrue to us in years to come. It is not unlikely, either, that benefits will accrue in this life if we remember the poor souls.

During the month of November, at least, we should daily say prayers for the souls in Purgatory. If there are no relatives of your own gone before, say prayers for the unknown dead, and in eternity you will reap your reward.

Rev. Father D. J. Stafford, rector of St. Patrick's church in Washington, made a statement before the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Catholic Young Men's Union that will bear repeating. He said: "There is something lacking in you young men. Your lack of ambition should give place to energy, loyalty and interesting church work. I venture to say that if the young men of our church will work energetically and with the same ambition as their sisters this country will be ours inside of fifty years."

Consent to publish is not in this case. All other notices are allowed.

Emperor William of Germany takes some interest in his subjects. He has just presented a plot of ground which was formerly occupied by the abode of the Virgin Mary, and which the Sultan presented to the German emperor. The latter subsequently formally presented the ground to the German Catholics.

Emperor William telegraphed to the Pope, saying:

"I am happy to be able to inform Your Holiness that thanks to the benevolent consideration of His Majesty, the Sultan, who has not hesitated to give me this proof of his personal friendship, I have been able to acquire at Jerusalem the abode of the Holy Virgin. I decided to place this ground, consecrated by so many pious memories, at the disposal of my Catholic subjects. It rejoices my heart to be able thus to prove how dear to me are the religious interests of the Catholics whom Divine Providence has placed in my care. I beg Your Holiness to accept the assurance of my sincere attachment."

The Pope replied, thanking his majesty and expressing satisfaction at the gift for which he was sure, the German Catholics will be deeply grateful.

A dispatch from London says: "An unknown layman has given \$100,000 toward the completion of the magnificent Roman Catholic cathedral now in course of construction at Westminster, London. The identity of the giver will be revealed when the tablet commemorative of the founders is placed upon one of the interior walls. The committee in charge of the work refrains for the present from publishing it.

The new nave, which will exceed in magnificence and beauty, it is said, anything that has been erected in London since St. Paul's, will be completed in a few months, and is to be dedicated next Easter. A Benedictine monastery and a lecture hall are to be connected with it."

The American commissioners at Havana received this week a Spanish note regarding the transfer of government property there to religious orders—which clearly shows a clear title to the properties in question in favor of the Jesuits and the Carmelites. Mr. Gould, legal adviser to the Evacuation commission, has been investigating the matter and the commissioners seem satisfied with Gen. Blanco's statements regarding the matter.

The citizens of the state of Missouri want to hold a world's fair in St. Louis in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the purchase of the territory of Louisiana by the United States.

May the best man win.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL. St. Matthew ix. 18-26—At that time: "As Jesus was speaking these things unto them, behold a certain ruler came up and adored Him, saying: Lord, my daughter is even now dead; but come, lay Thy hands upon her and she shall live. And Jesus rising up followed him with His disciples. And behold a woman who had been troubled with an issue of blood twelve years came behind Him, and touched the hem of his garment. For she said within herself: If I shall touch only His garment I shall be healed. But Jesus turning and seeing her, said: Be of good heart, daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. And when Jesus was come into the house of the ruler, and saw the minstrels and the multitude making a rout He said: Give place, for the girl is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. And when the multitude was put forth, He went in and took her by the hand. And the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that country.

We should learn to have recourse to Jesus Christ in all our needs with a lively faith and with humility, as had the ruler and the infirm woman. We should admire the great goodness of our Divine Redeemer, Who was so prompt to console those who asked Him; He will do the same for us if we ask Him from our hearts. Lastly, as our Divine Master sent away the minstrels from the bed of the dead girl, so we on the occasion of death should give help for the soul, and not the pomp and vain clamor of

THE ANGLO-SAXON HOBBY.

A Sharp Arrangement of One of the Many Resolutions of the Recent Protestant-Episcopal Convention

[Contributed]

Since the National Convention of "Bishops" of the Protestant Episcopal church, recently held in the city of Washington, the ministers of that church are feeling more than jubilant—if one is to judge by their expressions on the supposed happy results of their great convolve. They certainly must feel themselves in sight of some "promised land" the sequence undoubtedly of that notable gathering of "Right Revs" and "Rev. D. D.'s" in all their deliberations and calculations for the grand future that lies before them. If the public are at liberty to take note of that convention in its several addresses, public opinion must necessarily conclude there is an entire new line of policy marked out for the ministers of that denomination. What that policy is can be easily imagined from the many "Resolutions" they passed while in session.

As of yore and anon they must have a "fling" at the Roman Catholic church. If they didn't why it wouldn't be a convention at all. That's were the old and new order of business comes in.

The "Spanish Inquisition" so called, is ever nailed on the table of their conventions so it will not escape the agitation of those great intellectual acumen (?). Not satisfied with their part of the "spiritual" programme alone, they must espouse the political feature of that latest of all fads—the Anglo Saxon Alliance. Ye gods! what a religio-politico combination! With the boasted off-shot of the Anglo-Saxon—that "blood is thicker than water," comes this late phase of "sand" and high impudence from our Episcopal neighbors. Episcopalianism like the British Empire must be on its last legs, hence, it must adopt any means to keep itself up, or conform to the times.

What an eternal howl there would be amongst our skeptical neighbors were the Roman Catholics of these United States to ally themselves solely with the Catholic countries of Europe in a political dealing. It would be well for the Episcopal denomination to apply to itself the saying "Ne sutor ultra crepidam." Also, if they pretend to have any "alliance" in the order of Apostolic succession, they should try at least, to imitate the Prince of Peace, instead of talking war of righteousness, imperialism, civilization and "Protestant-Christianity." This last term carries with it about as much sense as the "white black bird." Alas, poor Protestant-Episcopalianism is drifting into skepticism—the result of Protestantism as the mother of infidelity.

It may seem uncharitable to reflect on the above conditions; but our protestant neighbors must expect such, especially when they jibe at the Roman Catholics as they did in the city of Washington. Every true son of our Holy Mother the Church, becomes her defender when he receives confirmation at the hands of his good Bishop.

When it comes to the political feature of their many resolutions those bishops of that convention should have been taught that Europe and not England is our Mother Country. That the real number of Anglo-Saxons in this country would not form a charter for a good sized city. And yet what a pretentious bump they assume. Why Gladstone—the grand old man—and the greatest of all statesmen never wanted to be affiliated with Englishmen who termed themselves Anglo-Saxon. Some Protestant readers of THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL may exclaim "That's a horse of another color." Very well, Gladstone was a man of brains, toleration and common sense—characteristics badly wanted in the late Protestant Episcopal convention in the city of Washington.

As for the Anglo-Saxon hobby, it will meet a like fate to that of A. P. Aism of not long ago. Of the two evils, the former is more dangerous as it is attempting to drag this whole glorious nation into everlasting quarrels with European countries. And that, notwithstanding the wise and fatherly advice of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry. Verily, I fail to see any American patriotism in Episcopalianism as it varies from the teachings of Christ himself. Even the command to "love our neighbors," has apparently no place in the Episcopal communion for they seem to hate and exercise a hatred toward their Catholic neighbors, and yet in finishing up with the Lord's prayer they seem to forget we are their brothers in Christ.

The quicker the Protestant denomination gets out of its side thorns of attack on the Catholic church and confines itself to some simple, straightforward way of business the better it will be for the troubled waters of its professional belief. The attacking of the Holy Roman Catholic church is like a goat butting his horns against the rock of Gibraltar. "Upon this

rock I shall build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," said Christ. The Catholic church is that great "Rock of Christianity," and how foolish for those poor pebbles of humanity in attempting an attack on her.

What a glorious blessing for us Catholics to have the assurance of Christ in our belief; whereas Protestantism is ever drifting, changing and looking for a harbour of rest. H. O'C.

FOURTY HOURS' ADORATION.

November 6—Rushville; St. Mary's Danville; St. John's, Greece.

November 13—Our Lady of Victory, Rochester; St. Patrick's, Danville.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, November 6—Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. Epist. Phil. iii. 17. iv. 3. Gosp. Matt. ix. 18-26.
Monday, 7—Of the Octave.
Tuesday, 8—Octave of All Saints. The Four Coronati martyrs.
Wednesday, 9—Dedication of St. John Lateran. St. Theodore, martyr.
Thursday, 10—St. Andrew Avellano, confessor. SS. Tryphon and companions, martyrs.
Friday, 11—St. Martin, Bishop and confessor. St. Mennas martyr.
Saturday, 12—St. Martin I., Pope and martyr.

James M. E. O'Grady.

BIographical sketch of the Republican nominee for congress.

Hon. James M. E. O'Grady, who will succeed Hon. Henry C. Brewster as member of congress from the thirty-first district, is one of the best known men in public life in New York. He was born in Rochester and was educated in the Free Academy and the University of Rochester, graduating with high honors from both institutions. He pursued the study of law while still in college and was admitted to the bar the same year he was graduated from the University. From early boyhood Mr. O'Grady has affiliated with the Republican party and soon took rank as one of the most active leaders. He was elected to the board of education from the second ward in 1887 and developed such qualities of leadership that he was elected president of the board in 1891. In that position he showed the knowledge of parliamentary law and tactics that afterward made him the best equipped speaker of the New York State assembly that has occupied the chair since James W. Husted wielded the gavel.

In the fall of 1892 he was the unanimous choice of the Republicans to succeed Richard Curran in the assembly to represent the old second district. He was elected by a plurality of 754 over Edward Redmond. Although the assembly of 1893 was Democratic Mr. O'Grady at once took high rank and was soon recognized as one of the Republican leaders on the floor. He was re-elected in 1895 and, the legislature of 1894 being Republican, he became chairman of the committee on public education and a member of the cities and ways and means committees. He introduced and passed a number of bills in that year.

In 1894 Mr. O'Grady was re-elected, receiving 6,814 votes to 4,813 for M. J. O'Brien, Democrat. In the legislature of 1895 Mr. O'Grady was chairman of the committee. He was recognized as the real Republican leader, although Danforth E. Hastings was chairman of the ways and means committee which usually carries the leadership. Speaker Fish knew he could rely on Mr. O'Grady's shrewdness and judgment and so he deferred to him on all important matters.

Again in 1895 he was re-elected from the new second district, being his first representative. At this time he resided in the sixth ward. In the legislature of 1896 Mr. O'Grady was chairman of the ways and means and as such was the recognized Republican leader.

Mr. O'Grady in 1896 was again re-elected. Mr. Fish declined re-election and Mr. O'Grady was the unanimous choice of the Republicans for speaker of 1897. The choice reflected credit upon the party, Monroe county and New York state.

In 1897 Mr. O'Grady was once more re-elected, practically without opposition, and, of course, was unanimously re-elected speaker.

That he will make an ideal congressman goes without saying and he should be elected by a routing majority.

Jacob Gerling.

A prominent German-American THE CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR.

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The Raines law with the many evils justly designated as an immoral and unjust measure which seeks to dictate to the conscience of every man must be repealed.

Mr. Gerling is bitterly opposed to the Raines law and if elected will work and vote for its repeal. This odious law which seeks to restrain every German from using his natural beverage except at such times and places as the leader directed, is a blow on the statute books and a direct insult to every German speaking citizen.

Let every man who believes in personal liberty go to the polls on November 8th and cast his ballot for Jacob Gerling and thus insure the election of a consistent Democrat, fearless, able and intelligent, who will devote his energies to properly guarding the interests of his district and those of the State at large.

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