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Submission to Holy Mother Church, One of the Most Sacred Laws of the Order-None But Practical Catholics Received-No Fear of Drifting into Error.

The following article appeared in the New York Herald recently regarding the great Catholic organization, the Knights of Columbus, that has made such rapid growth throughout the country during the few years of its existence. The article was under the startling caption "Catholics Drifting to Masonry," and read:

"For more than a century the ban of the Roman Catholic church has been set upon Freemasonry. No Catholic can be a Mason and remain in fellowship with the church. Affiliation with the craft means excommunication. Several times there have been statements current that, owing to the difference in the ethical and active prin- of Columbus, being consecrated in Auciples guiding continental and American Masonry, the bars were to be let down here. But these rumors were never well founded.

Now, however, a secret organization. planned on Masonic lines, with similar distinctive characteristics, is havolics. It is called the Knights of Columbus. There are more than 12,000 members in this city alone, most of them have joined within the last two years.

In the year 1882 Rev. M. J. McGivney, pastor of the little couptry church at Thomaston, Ct., organized the first council of the knights for the young men of his flock. These ploneers never imagined that the society would reach its present proportions. They laid down an elaborate ritual, after a Masonic pattern, eliminating, of course, whatever in it and its other constitutional rules had received ecclesiastical disapproval.

When Cardinal Satolli came here as the Pope's delegate this ritual was submitted to him for inspection and approval. In a letter to the supreme knight he gave it his sanction and added:

"We also wish to express our great pleasure, after learning the merits of this great ('atholic organization, that in the present active period of social and fraternal alliance in America there exists a society of practical Catholics which offers them the best advantages of insurance, benevolence and fraternity proffered by the most popular is doing nothing at all to make it for secular societies without any of the disadvantages of prohibited companionship."

This ritual establishes two kinds of membership, insurance and associate.

Right Rev. John Ambrose Watterson, bishop of the diocese of Columbus, Ohlo, died suddenly last Monday in Columbus. Bishop Watterson had been in ill health for some time, but his death was unexpected. He had prepared to go to Europe next month for

a rest, and made a trip to Washington to confer with the apostolic delegate. returning to Columbus Saturday night. John Ambrose Watterson was born in Blairsville, Indiana county, Pa., on May 27, 1844. He was graduated from

BISHOP WATTERSON DEAD.

Cardinal Bauss, Archbishop of Florence

Passes Away.

Mount St. Mary's College, Emmittsburg, Md., in 1865. He was ordained a priest at St. Vincent's Abbey, Aug. 8. 1868, and became a member of the faculty of Mount St. Mary's. In October, 1877, he succeeded Rev. Dr. John Mc-Closkey as president of the college. The faculty of Georgetown conferred the degree of doctor of divinity upon him on June 24, 1878.

In 1880 Dr. Watterson was selected to succeed Bishop Rosecrans in the see gust of that year in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Columbus, by the administrator of Cincinnati, Right Rev. William H. Elder.

Bishop Watterson devoted himself especially to the work of education, and in 1884 founded a college in Coing an amazing success among Cath- lumbus. The diocese of Columbus contains about 100 churches and about 40 chapals and stations.

THE LEGEND OF LOUGH GUR.

Larry Cotter had a small farm on one of Lough Gur. and was thriving in it, for he was an industrious proper sort of man, who would have lived quietly and soberly to the end of his days, but for the misfortune that came upon him, and you shall hear how it was He had as nice a bit of meadow-land, down by the water-side, as over a man would wish for; but its growth was spoiled entirely on him, and no one could tell how.

One year after the other it was ruined just in the same way: the bounds were well made up, and not a stone of them was disturbed; neither could his neighbor's cattle have been guilty of trespass, for they were spancelled; but however it was done, the grass of the meadow was destroyed, which was a great loss to Larry.

"What in the wide world will I do?" said Larry Cotter to his neighbor Tom Welsh, who was a decent sort of a man himself; "that bit of meadow-land, which I am paying great rent for. me; and the times are bitter bad, without the help of that to make them worse."

"This is true for you. Larry," replied Welsh; "the times are bitter bad no

CATHOLIC NOTES. stev. Donald Easson. of Scotland. rector of the Scots' College, at Valladolld, Spain, died on the 7th ultimo.

He was one of the most learned men of his country. The Holy Father in receiving a ...elegation of Belgian Catholic editors the other day urged on them the great duty of combating infidel socialism by Christian socialism.

A dispatch from Aleppo, Syria, states that a large number of Syrians have set sail from that country to the United States. All are practical Cataolics.

This year for the first time since the Protestant Reformation, the feast of St. Benedict was observed in London by the members of the order. They are building a church and monastery, and are well re-established.

In 1863 Bishop Forest, of Texas, and Auxiliary Bishop Rouxel, of New Orleans, came across the sea in the same vessel, as ecclesiastical students. They had never met before. Now both are bishops, as are two others of their companions.

A sister of Mgr. Tyler, the first bishop of Hartford, Conn., is still living. The Bishop's four sisters become Sisters of Charity in the Emmittsburg Community, Md.

A memorial tablet has been placed upon the house, 600 East Lombard street, Baltimore, Md., to commemorate the fact that it was once the home of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence.

In England and Scotland St. Patrick's Day, this year, was observed with even more than the customary depth of patriotic spirit. The shamrock was never before so frequently displayed.

Archbishop Corrigan was chosen by Mayor Van Wyck as one of the committee to represent the city in welcoming the cruiser Raliegh on her arrival from Manila.

The bones of the murdered St. Thomas a Becket have been discovered, according to the announcement made by Dean Farrar, during the course of the restorations of the cathedral under his charge.

The centennial of the Visitation Convent, Georgetown, Washington, D. C., will be celebrated with appropriate services May 29th, 80th and 81st.

A foundation of the Sisters of St. Dominic of the Perpetual Rosary has been made in Baltimore. With the authorization and under the patronage of Cardinal Gibbons, seven of these Sisters have come to the city to establish there one of their contemplative communities.

There is a rumor that Mademoiselle after the death of her father, to whom she was deeply attached. Her friends, founded. Father Martin, the general of the order in the Philippines. Archbishop Elder, who is one of the oldest of our American prelates, on business that way.' Holy Thursday consecrated oils, not only for his own priests, but for those They looked, and saw the great fat of the two Indiana dioceses and the hands. The persons , who listaned Nashville diocese. The bishops of Fort Wayne and Indianapolis are on the sick list, and Bishop Byrne of ular preacher. Nashvile is over in Rome, pleading the cause of the American Brothers of the Christian schools. Hence Archbishop Elder blessed the oils for the three dioceses.

SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS.

The Next Newling to be Held in Municip in August, 1900.

The Very Rev. Doctor Zahm, C. S. C., president for America of the Internutional Catholic Scienting Congress, has been informed by the general president, Baron Von Herteling, that the next meeting of the congress will be held in Munich, in August, 1900. It was for awhile thought that the meeting would be postponed until a year later, on account of the Paris Exposition, but the committee on organization has decided otherwise.

In his communication to Doctor Zahm, Baron Von Herteling explains that the delay in the publication of the proceedings of the Fribourg congress has been due to the large mass of material which had to be printed. The comptes rendus of the first congress of Paris embraces 1,400 pages in large octavo; those of the second, 2,-100 pages; those of the congress of Brussels, 2,500 pages, whilst the proceedings of the Fribourg congress will run up to 3,200 pages, or 8 large oc-

tavo volumes of 400 pages each. In view of the increasing amount of material with which the consecutive sequent impossibility of publishing it without great delay, the committee on organization has wisely decided that hereafter only a resume of the papers read before the various sections shall be printed. By this means the entire proceedings of the congress can be compressed into one volume, which after the congress shall have ad-

fourned. From present indications the congress at Munich will collpse all its predecessors, and it is to be hoped that the representation from America will be commensurate with the greatness of our country, and on a par with the important and growing interests of the Church of the United States.

RUDYARD KIPLING.

Ris Experience in a Frominent Frotestan Church.

Some years ago Rudyard Kipling attended services in a prominent Protestant church in this country. Later the following description of his experience appeared in the columns of an English publication:

"Sunday brought me the queerest experience of all-a revelation of barbarism complete. I found a place that was officialy described as a church. It was a circus really, but that the worshipers did not know.

"To these things and a congregation of savages entered suddenly a wonder-Faure, daughter of the late President, ful man, completely in the confidence evinced a desire to enter a convent of their God, whom he treated colloquially and exploited vary much newspaper reporter would exploit a however, have persuaded her that for foreign potentate. But unlike the the present, at least, she should re- newspaper reporter, he never allowed main in the world controlling the ad- his listeners to forget that he, and not mirable work of the "League of the He, was the centre of attraction. Wills Children of France," which she a voice of sliver and with unngery borrowed from the suction room he built up for his hearers a heaven on Jesuits, has arrived in Rome and taken the lines of the Palmer House (but up his residence with a view to quite with all the gilding real gold and all a prolonged stay in the Eternal City, the plate glass diamond), and set inand for the purpose of conferring with the very centre of it a loud-mouthed, Cardinal Ledochowski, chief of the argumentative, very shrewd creation propaganda, and with Cardinal Ram- that he called God. One sentence at polla, the Papal Secretary of State, on this point caught my delighted ear. the subject of the affairs of the Jesuit It was apropos of some question of the judgment and ran:



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both of equal grade in knighthood. paraphernalla so dear to the male tells us. ever "pleased with a rattle and tickled with a straw."

Three degrees are conferred-first. minor and major. The grand knight from whom I received my information solemnly assured me that "the larger part of the singular development and moon, which was shining beautifully of Columbus is due to the beauty of our ritual and the attractiveness of our degree work. Each step inculcates sound to be heard, but the cry of the a moral or impresses on the candi- corncrakes answering one another date some ennobling principle bearing across the water. on faith or charity or good will."

fraternity;" its aim, "the promotion step until I say the word." of good fellowship among the Catholic people of the country."

tricts, and these by states. The off. face of the lake towards the meadow. cers of a council are the grand knight. a deputy, financial secretary, treasurer. | cow, any way, that danced all the flesh advocate, inner and outer guard, war- off her bones," whispered Mick to his den, chaplain and five trustees. Each brother. state has a state delegate, who adretary, advocate, warden and chapduct of the national council. The su- pond." preme knight receives a salary of \$1,-000 a year, the national secretary \$1,-500. and the treasurer \$500. The head- in a great hurry to the bank of the quarters is located at New Haven Ct. lake, and into it with her, before all The social and intellectual standards their eves, away made the seven heifof membership have been of the best. ers after her, but the boys got down It is now thoroughly representative. to the bank before them, and work

ciety. For several years after its organi-

Rhode Island followed, with Massachusetts next. In 1892 Maine and New added to the list. Since then, especial-'At the national convention just held the membership was reported to be 43,-000. This was a net gain of eighty-

seven councils in 1898 and of 14.903 members. New York heads the list of States, with 110 councils and a memhership of 15,479, and Massachusetts comes next, with 104 councils and 10. 763 members. The roll of the other States is: Connecticut. 63, 5751; Rhode da. 1, 183.

Besides the usual routine business the most important detail of the national convention was the donation College of Cardinals last week by the consideration of a plan to collect Dominican order, was born at Flor-Point Military Academy.

doubt of that: but may be if you were There are grips, passwords, initiations to watch by night, you might make out and all the other occult and mystic all about it; sure there's Mick and Terry, my two boys, will watch with biped, who is, as the great philosopher you; for 'tis a thousand pittes any bonest man like you should be ruined in such a scheming way."

Accordingly the following night, Larry Cotter, with Welsh's two sons. took their station in the corner of the meadow. It was just at the full of the accompanying success of the Knights down upon the lake, that was as calm all over as the sky itself; not a cloud was there to be seen anywhere, nor a

"Boys! boys!" said Larry, "look ' The policy of the order is "the evo- there! look there! but for your lives lution of the Catholic gentleman in don't make a bit of noise, nor stir a

cow, followed by seven milk-white The councils are grouped in dis- heifers, moving on the smooth sur-

"'Tis not Tim Dwyer the piper's

"Now, boys!" said Larry Cotter. ministers its general affairs, assisted when he saw the fine cow and her sevby a staff made up of a treasurer, sec- en white helfers fairly in the meadow, "get between them and the lake if lain. There are similar officials to aid you can, and no matter who they bethe supreme grand knight in the con- long to, we'll just put them into the

But the cow must have overheard Larry speaking, for down she went Many priests have also joined the so- enough they had to drive them up from the lake to Larry Cotter.

Larry drove the seven heiters, and zation the knights were confined to the beautiful beasts they were, to the small towns of Connecticut. Then wound: but after he had them there for three days, and could hear of no owner, he took them out, and put Hampshire affiliated, and three years them in a field of his own. There ha later New York and New Jersey were kept them, and they were thriving mighty well with him, until one night ly in the last two years, the increase the gate of the field was left open, in membership has been astounding. and in the morning the seven heifers were gone.

> Wherever they came from, or to whatever world they belonged, Larry Cotter never had a crop of grass off the meadow through their means.

While the question of their teaching in colleges is still pending at Rome, instructions were sent to the Christian Brothers in the various Ameri-Island. 10, 1810; New Hampshire, 4, can institutions to take no part in the 290: Ohio, 6, 474; New Jersey, 14, conference of Catholic college profes-1595: Vermont, 4, 399; Pennsylvania, sors lately held at Chicago. As far as 24. 2611; Delaware, 1, 85; District of the authorities here of the brothers Columbia, 3, 602; Michigan, 1, 159; 'can do so, they are evidently bent upon Maryland, 3, 390; Kentucky, 1, 60; Vir- having the brothers return to the origginia, 7, 47; Maine, 15, 874, and Cana- inal scope of their institute and give up collegiate work.

Another vacancy was made in the of \$50,000 for the endowment of a death of Augustine Cardinal Bausa, it convenient to ignore. The Porto chair of history at the Catholic Uni- the archbishop of Florence. The deversity at Washington, D. C., and the ceased prelate, who belonged to the from the members \$11,000 to complete ence, Feb. 23, 1821, and was made the building fund of \$25,000 necessary a cardinal-deacon in the consistory of testant missioner introducing religion glous body of which he was so Thinning for the Catholic chapel at the West May 23, 1887, being advanced to the into Porte Rice." rank of a cardinal-priest Feb. 14, 1889.

A CHINAMAN CONVERT.

Two Members of the Jawish Faith Recome Catholics.

Miss Rose Segci, the pretty daughter of Rabbi Joseph Segal of the Temple B'nal Abraham in Newark, has been baptized into the Catholic Church. She went to St. Mary's church, Elizabeth, N. J., in the carriage of Dr. John Max Reiner, where the ceremony was performed. Dr. Reiner also renounced Judaism to become a Catholic.

Another new recruit to the Catholic. faith, who was baptized at the same time and place as Miss Segal, is Tom the will of the late Dr. Chesebrough, Lee, a Chinese laundryman of Bliza- | of Summit, N. J.: beth.

Set a Good Example.

Parents owe their children good-enample-the example of saying their known as the Cherebrough Protestant morning and night prayers, the example of offering grace at meals, the lic faith shall be admitted. The will example of abstaining from meat on Friday, the example of hearing Mass on Sunday, the example of frequenting the sacraments, the example of all the virtues suitable to their state. And if the children fall in the practice of Frederick Adams and William Grans their faith for want of that example, the delinquent fathers and mothers shall not go unpunished.

Father Sherman, S. J., some of whose previous utterances proved very acceptable to those Protestant associations which are sending proselyters to our new possessions, in a recent sermon at Chicago, made some other lai Conterence of Columbus, learns Trained Catholic. They have always been and in favor of morality and good Catholics, and they can never be any. Sovernment. thing else. I scout the idea of Pro-

"'No! I tell you God doesn't do

"Then I escaped before the blending, desiring no benediction at such seemed to enjoy themselves, and I understand that I had met with a pop-

"Later on, when I had perused the sermons of a gentleman called Talmage. and some others, I perceived that I had been listening to a very mild specimen. Yet that man, with his brutal gold and sliver idols, his hands-in-thepocket, cigar-in-mouth and hat-on-theback-of-the-head style of dealing with the sacred vessels, would count himself; spiritually, quite competent to send a mission to convert the Indians. All that Sunday I listened to Deuple who said that the mere fact of spiking down strips of iron to wood

and getting a steam and iron thing to run along them was progress, and the network of wires overhead was progress. They repeated their statements again and again."

No Catholics Meed Apply,

The following bequest appeared in

"The residue of the estate, amounting to over \$200,000, is to be expended and used in founding and maintaining an orphan asylum in Summit, to be Orphan Asylum. No orphans of Cathoappoints the following life wustees and directors of the estate and asylum: Wiman A, Macy, Charles S. Shultz, of Montcallr; Charles Stryck land Ryman, Theophilus C. Dunn, ton, of Summit."

Bautista Ministers On Monday at a meeting of the Baptist Ministerial Conference, held at Co.

lumbus, Ohio, the following resolution of regret, was passed, regarding the death of Bishop Watterson: Resolved. That the Baptist Minister

Besolved. That we tender to the reli-

a light ourhes rifeit sympathy in the loss of their sifted leader.

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statements about the Porto Ricans which those sectarian bodies will find it convenient to ignore. The Porto Rican "people," said the Jesuit, "are has ever been raised against the saloon and the said for the less the same work of the saloon and the saloon are the saloon and the saloon are th

