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SWEET ST. FRANCIS.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE GENTLE SERAPH OF ASSISI.

fhe Purest-hearted, The Most Lovabie Human Being Whom Christian History of Eighteen Centuries Has Bevealed to Us.

that he were here again." With these words of Tennyson's prayer the Rev. W. Hudson Shaw, M. A., fellow of Balliol college, Oxford, recently closed the fourth lecture in the university extension course on "Rome in the Middle Ages" in Witherspoon hall. Mr. Shaw is a non-Catholic, and this fact, taken in connection with his international reputation as a scholar and lecturer. invests with peculiar interest his views concerning the life and work of the gentle seraph of Assisi. Mr. Shaw said in part:

"Francis of Assist was-shall I he rash enough to say what I think? choose-Francis of Assisi was the purest-hearted, the most lovable, the most adorable human being whom Christian history of eighteen centuries has revealed to us.

"What are the chief facts of his life? St. Francis was born in Umbria. Christ-like life are held in reverence, in the little hill-side city of Assis', there are hundreds of thousands of in the year 1182. Francesco Bernamen and women ready to re-echo Tendone during his early manhood was simply the spolled darling of his na- Assis! Would than he were here tive city gay, frivolous, lovable, gen- again." erous the leader of every mad revel. a richly dressed fastidious, pleasure-lov-CARDINAL KREMENTZ. ing cavalier, strongly drawn to chivalry and knighthood as his highest ideal. At twenty-two he fell dangerously ill Although of Humble Parentage, He Became a Prince of the Church. and was brought face to face with The death was announced last week death. It was the turning point of his career. On his recovery he was filled of Philip Cardinal Krementz, archwith disgust of himself for his use- bishop of Cologne, in Prussia. The deless, selfish life. • • • At a sumptions ceased prelate was born at Coblentz, banquet given at Assisi about this on the Rhine, Dec. 21, 1819, so that he time. Bernadone, master of the reve's, was in his 80th year. He was often a rude treatment altogether at varsat silent and absorbed, and his friends quoted as an instance of the fact that rallied him on his moroseness. 'See,' in the Catholic Church a man's birth they said, 'Francesco is thinking of the does not prevent him from attaining wife he is going to marry.' 'It is true.' the highest dignity; for he was the son he answered eagerly: 'I am thinking of a butcher, and had, even after ne of taking a wife more beautiful, richer. became a cardinal, a brother engaged of most of the recognized religions. purer than you could ever imagine.' in that business, while another sold inm is The bride he meant was the Lady hides. Poverty, 'widowed now,' says Dante in Philip Krementz displayed a vocahas established a system of pneumathis Paradise,' 'a thousand years and tion for the priesthood, and was sent ic tubes, through which the dead are more.' He began humbly by attend to the University of Bonn for his shot in the space of a few seconds from ing the outcast lepers, whose loat is studies. He was ordained in 1842, and some sores he had always abhorred, by soon distinguished himself in the pulrestoring with his own hands the pit by his eloquence, while he had also the town to the building in which the furnaces are located, just as if they ruined chapel of Santa Maria Degli the reputation of being a very learned Angeli. In the plain below Assisi that divine. In 1867, when he was in his tiny chapel still stands. I have knelt forty-sixth year, he was appointed in it: it is to me the hollest, most bishop of the diocese of Ermland; and sacred spot that Europe can show. while holding that post he incurred the "There were dreamed,' it has been anger of Bismarck and Falk by his said 'some of the noblest dreams unwavering opposition to the May which have soothed the pains of hu- laws and his stalwart defence of the manity.' There in the Portiuncula rights of the Church. His consecra-Francis of Assisi heard the final call tion for the Ermland see took place and obeyed. On February 24, 1209, the on May 8, 1868, and despite his diffiwords of the gospel for the day fell culties with the government he held on his ears. 'Freely ye have received; his diocese up to 1885, when he was freely give. Provide neither silver nor promoted to the archdiocese of Colgold, nor brass in your purses; neither ogne. 'His enthronization in his see scrip nor two coats, nor shoes nor was a grand and imposing ceremony, staff, for the laborer is worthy of his of which lengthy mention was made hire. by the press at the time of its occur-

a brother once said to him. 'Everybody follows thee; everyone desires to see and obey thee, and yet for all that thou are neither beautiful nor learned. THEIR FUNERAL RITE OF CREMATION nor of a noble family. Whence comes

it, then, that it should be thee whom the world desires to follow?" 'It is because the Most High willed it thus, The Participants in This Rude Ceremony answered Francis. 'He chose me because He could find no emaller man nor one more worthless and He wished here to confound the nobility and "Sweet St. Francis of Assisi! Would grandeur, the strength, the beauty and the learning of this world.'

"And now one final word. Is this life of Francis of Assisi, we are forced to ask ourselves, anything more, after all, than a picturesque episode of mediaeval history, an old world relic, beautiful as the ivied traceries of a ruined abbey and of as little present utility? Has be any message to which our time is likely to listen. Let us be honest: he has not. To this age, which has exalted the brute god Mammon, as no age, not even that of imperial Rome, ever exalted it before.

St Francis is unintelligible, he speaks in vain. But the nineteenth century You shall assail me for it if you is dying: ere long we shall be ringing in the new era. "Meanwhile one trusts that in more

lands than Italy, in other religions than his own wherever tenderness and

# ATHEIST MASONS.

Catholic

CONDEMNED, BY THE CHURCH.

Gives a Public Expression of Their Disbelie in the Doctrine of the Ressurrection. or the Life Hereafter.

Persons who consent to the cremation of their bodies after death put themselves outside the pale of the Church, and are therefore denied the sacramentes and Christian burial. In ady the destruction of the body by means of fire is rendered desirable. there is no objection to priests according the last rites to the dead or celebrating public Mass for the repose of

the soul. The same exception is made in the case of those who have perished in any conflagration. With regard to those whose bodies have been cremated without their ante-mortem consent, the Church authorizes full religious rites, with the provisions, however, that whereas in the case of children. the Mass may be public, the celebration must be private where adults are

concerned. It is only since 1886 that cremation

has been officially discountenanced by courage, purity and humility and the Catholic Church, save in the case of the exceptions enumerated. Among the principal reasons which prompted Leo XIII. to take this step was the fact nyson's prayer: 'Sweet St. Francis of that incineration had been adopted by the atheist Freemasons of continental Europe as a feature of the funeral

rites, for the purpose of giving a public expression to their disbelief in the doctrine of the ressurection or the life hereafter; in the second place there is the veneration of the body which was once the temple of the Holy Ghost. See the iChurch's respect for relics, which, of course, could not exist if cremation were practiced. Lastly, cremation is lance with our human instincts, which lead us to dispose of the dead with the tenderest care, and there is no coubt of the tokens of respect for the dead which constitute so beautiful a feature Thus in Vienna, where a cremator-

situated at a

# ENGLISH LITERATURE **A FAMOUS DEBATE** The Catbolic Knights of America Kasow a Chair at Catholic University.

The Catholic Knights of America,

who, at their annual convention held at Kansas City recently, followed the exemple of the Knights of Columbus, the C. T. A. U., and the Ancient Order of Hibernians in endowing a chair at the Catholic University, have a total membership approximating 25,000.

Their order was brought into existence that the present archbishop of Chicaspecial assessment. It is thought that chair of English literature; and if so,

Stoddard and Maurice F. Egan. This endowment will make the sixteenth chair provided for at the University. Miss Mary G. Caldwell endowed two, one of dogmatic theology and one of philosophy. Her estimable sister has provided another. The Misses Andrews of Baltimore endowed the chair of hiblical archaeology; the Misses Drexel one of moral theology. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kelly provided for a chair of Holy Scripture; Hon. Patrick Quinn of Philadelphia established the chair of ecclesiastical history; Mrs. Whiteford of Baltimore ondowed the chair of common law, and the late Joseph Banigan the chair of bistory. Then the C. T. A. U. founded the Rather Mathew chair of psychol-Knights of Columbus an American his-

# AFORMIDABLE CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE IRISH PEOPLE.

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Campaign of Defamation Against the Caraolie Clargy-General Agitaties-Mewepapers Teening With Letters and Die. putations.

In the modest libraries of hearty, at Nashville, Tenn., during the years old-fashioned Catholics the report of the discussion between Pope and Macases where awing to infectious mal- so was at the head of the Tennessee guire used to hold an honored place. diocese, and it counts its strongest Our own novel-reading, Sunday-paperfollowing in the central, southern and reading generations knows, little and western states; though it has societies cares less about this famous book. The also in several of the territories. Mie- story of the geneals thereof may, souri has for several years past diaim- wowever, prove interesting to some ed to be the banner state of the order The year 1825 will long be memorable and the Catholic Knights are particul- in Irish -history for the introduction arly strong in St. Louis. The order of what was called the "New Reformahas a large sinking fund; but the en- tion;" A formidable criticade was indowment fund voted at the national augurated against the faith of the convention will probably be raised by Irish people by certain religious nocietles in England. Champions of the the chair to be founded will be the Bible descended upon Ireland sowing discord and dissension as they went. the endowment, will be particularly surhe Trumpet. of Zion" resounded pleasing to Professor Chas. Warren through every corner of the land setting neighbor against neighbor and imperiling the public peace. Complete ous among the apostles of the "New Reformation" were the Rev. Mr. Pope, to witness the confusion of Poper a certain Mr. Gerard Nosi and Captain Gordon, a Scotch military fanatic, pion. Accompanied by their disciples and alded and encouraged by the Protestant Bishops and clergy, they gave testimony against the abominations of Popery and "exposed" the . importance match for him, Before the third and superstition fostered by the founded a chair of canon law; Mr. priests. The Protestant landlords of Ireland helped on the movement, and discovered great solicitude for the spiritual betterment of their tenants. religious frenzy took possession of the whole Protestant population and the political economy. Col. O'Brien of air was averywhere vocal with the New Orleans endowed another chair clamor of party strife and polemical and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kelly also dispensation. The rewards, held out established a chair of ecclesiastical for converted souls were a sore temps tation to the poor Papiers. The con-Vort Was given a guines as soon as he ogy; the A. O. H., the Gaelic chair; the abjured the faith of his fathers, and was provided with a comfortable blan. The discondition of kat and six abilings a week for his champion provid the

Initiad scholar, One design ber 1816 be made a spee olle meeting in the source of four on-Channes and in the sources remarks, took occasion to allust the apostles of the "New Refor His speech was published in an the Dyblin papers and a sopra once with the Res. Mr. Poper the result of which was that and TADRESION WAS AFTERED to take a

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between them in Dublin on the li of April 1811. The antibement Th prevailed was intenes. The Online bishops dissported of the pre discumulon but did pos forbid it. . De lel O'Connell also disapproved of the delate though he connented to to any one of the chairman. Mr. Pope was made expert deballer, a gradeful orator, and well versed in all the envrient chi tions and misropresentations of Brok settata Father "Fom" was the perlanced country parish priorie wh people could not understand a wordthe English language, but he po more than the ordinary and Irink wit in addition to his other giften When the appointed day aretwee effit

Dublin was in a forment. The hall where the discussion was to take pl was crowded in millosotical and Indice, Indice one and their families. is enout a st titude of meints of both sume of the triumph of the Prelestant

The Rev. Mr. Pope began the prooredings, and his address mediate the reputation he had an long an But Father "Tous" was me of the debate was should Prove a manguine supporters gave up the test as hopeless and retired in A The discussion, which began on Thatme day, April 19, saded on the pallowing Wednesday to the great log m faithful, who took the hornes from "Tons" to the boost, an triumph through the of Dublin, T In the average were made in eren Ireland.

"'This is what I want!' he cried. "This is what I was seeking!' On the next day he preached in the streets of with Bishop Kopp, of Breslau, took an Assisi. Within a few weeks his first active part in assisting Emperor Wildisciples gave all their goods to the liam in adjusting the labor difficulties poor and joined him, and the Francis- which arose a few years since between can movement, the greatest and purest the Silesian miners and their employreligious impulse the world had known since the death of St. Paul, had begun its romantic career.

"Francis was not a man of splendid intellect or a learned scholar. He had no new doctrines to teach. His dogmas were extremely few and simple. His preaching was plain and unadorned He conquered mankind not by his Catholics, and subject to his authority faith; that it has been accepted from ly selfiess, so exquisitely gentle, so full of divinest compassion and tenderness that it must remain so long as the world lasts one of the unsurpassed glories of Christianity. It is entirely inherited, the outcast and the suffering, more devoutly than brother Francis. He was burned up, as his biographer, St. Bonaventura, says, by divine love for every creature of God. The only malediction he is known to have uttered was against fierce swine which had killed a lamb. From his Christ-like piety no man, however degraded, was shut out. 'Whosoever shall come to the brothers,' so ran his rule, 'friend or enemy, thief or robber, let him be lovingly received.' One day three bandits of evil fame, starving, asked help from a certain Franciscan, Angelo. He drove them away with auger and reproaches. Francis. hearing of it, reproved him sternly. 'I command thee,' he said, 'by thine obedience to take at once this loaf and this wine and go seek the robbers by hill and dell until you have found them, and kneel there before them, and humbly ask their pardon, and pray them in my name no longer to do wrong, but to fear God.'

"Scarcely less wonderful than his all-embracing love was his invincible humility. He became the idol of the people; whole cities went forth to meet him as he approached, and he cared nothing for it, remaining to the end little child. "Why thee? Why then?"

rence.

The Cologne archbishop, together ers; and his good services on that occasion were recognized publicly by the Kaiser. He was created a cardinal in the consistory held January 16, 1893, contemporaneously with Cardinals Vaughan, Kopp, Perraud and other distinguished prelates. He was at the head of a diocese containing 2,300,000 were 1,721 diocesan and 100 other

was mitred on May day 1889. and the bereaved.

A MAY SHRINE.

Glearn lustrous through the ocean's

glooming. at their obsequies. shrine

Where fragrant incense-clouds are trailing.

O, Mother sweet, still at thy feet

My harbor let me find forever, That haven blest my constant quest, To reach it, all my life's endeavor; And heart of mine, be thou a shrine Where all fair blooms disclose their beauty,

Where vows and sighs like incense rise.

And grateful love is one with duty, original plan of the cathedral founda- at \$35,000. -Rev A. Barry O'Neill, C. S. C., in tion called for the chapel, and when "Between Whiles."

has cards posted in the dressing rooms part rearranged, a new sacristy being asylum for famale orphans. guileless and lovely in thought as a of theatres advising against the use of provided and choir rooms to serve for both the cathelest, and the Lady profanity.

Torical chair. distance of five found one of English literature. miles from the city, the management

THE AUGUSTINIANS

the receiving house in the centre of The Metherhouse of the Order Will Centing to Be at Villaneva.

Father Fedigan, provincial of the were mere packages of New York 'Augustinians, denies the rumor, that malevolence which anti-Oatholie langet. mail matter; while in Paris, since se- has gone the rounds of the secular and icism could inspire. They were atcular management has taken the place Catholic press of the country stating of religious control in the great hos- that the order of which he is the pres- ware insulted at their altars, in that pitals of the metropolis, all the so- ent head intended to make the new signed pell-mell to the flames of the Staten Island its motherhouse. The the slitustion no longer. crematories at the great cemetery of learned friar said recently on being in. Pere La chaise. The "debris anatomi-, terviewed regarding the matter!

ques" are the bodies of the paypers | "It is the intention of the order of

which is well calculated to offend the Apostles. Go, teach all nations what shame and contraion.

The Pope takes the ground that the the courtesy of the present Most Revordinary form of burial has been, so to erend Archbishop, have at last been speak, consecrated by usuage ever assigned a territory in which to labor Daily bulleting were issued announce langligant in their since the foundation of the Christian as the least of Christ's disciples.

time immemorial as forming part and beginning, but hope to increase with the methods of mis sure to with the

The chapel is to cost \$200,000. The began. Bishop Gravel and his prices scription were publicly related and been money to build it was left by Mrs. Eu- have had to vacate the episcopal realsene Kelly, who died in March. The dence near by, Damages are calimated

It is built the foundation will be com-Archbiabop Kain, of St. Louis has plete. With its ognatruction the chan- had placed in his hands the sum of The Holy Name Society of Buffalo, cel of the cathedral liself will be in \$100,000 for the purpose of building un

> T. Marion Crawford, the novelist, has and taken to write a life of the fer

support., Notwithstanding this allering programme the harvest of sould was lamentably sounty. Then the bounty was raised to five pounds. But soupled with the as these thouse proyed atterir upane. He disage and as these faction proved atterly unmade capatul a new line of sotion was de. The Cath termined upon. The Catholie bishers and priests were assalled with all the cused of the grossest orimes!" they streats, and at their very deers called "debris anatomiques" are con- establishment about to be opened at until human pattence could entitle

Public discussions took place in which the champions of the Bible were signally worsted; but, though and unknown dead whose bodies have St. Augustine to open a house op Stat- humbled in one place they were not send bounds in been intrusted to the doctors and med- en Island, when all legal technicalities thereby discouraged from resuming Ical students for study and scientific shall have been complied with. But it their godly campaign elsewhere. The former to the only of the investigation. After they have served shall not be the mother house. How town of Carlow, the home of the cale o But the their purpose they are returned to the could it? How many mothers has a brated Dr. Doyle, whose appears of was the first the their purpose they are returned to the could it? their purpose they are returned to the could it? How many mothers when a brated Dr. Doyle, whom a second was the hospitals, which thereupon ship them man? Or who would want to change the calumnies of the Protestant Areh the by the cartload to the Pere Lachaise his mother for another? Villanova is bishop of Dublin had stirred to the second of the seco shot into the furnace like so much of- the order in this country, and the new their most permissions activity. The according that fal, with just as little ceremony and building now being crected there are blabop discained to meet advactaries without any religious rites. According ample proof of this, but the order, ev- so worthless, but two of his primets was trian to the latest official returns, the corp- er ancient, is always new and making took a hand and acquitted themselves the ability ses of no less than 27,000 human beings new advances in the vineyard of the so admirably that the cospellers were are disposed of yearly in this manner, old orthodox method of Christ and His deven from the locality covered with

religious sentiments not alone of Cath-olics, but likewise the members of ev-ery other faith, no matter whether Christian, Hebrew or Mahometan. tracks at the expense of the elect and to the delight of small shopkeepers,

> ing thousands of conversions to the strange to say the "They will have, no doubt, a small joy of the sealots across the channel, rook on which minute

priests having charge of 869 parishes, parcel of religious ceremonies of the time, patience and perseverance until representation resorted to, by the Thus write Fre besides filling positions in universities, latter, and that the old fashioned a regular community is established of preachers of the "New Reformation." In self Culture. seminaries and colleges. Mgr. Kre- form of Christian burial may be said many men of many languages so that the following statement, laken from mediately said mentz was aided in his episcopal func- to have one of the most solemn fea- they may administer to all and bring one of the public records of the lines, most perilons tion by two auxiliary bishops, Right tures of the rites of the Church and a to all the glad tidings of salvation by will suffice: A certain Protestant Catholic prime a impossible for any human being ever Rev. Hubert Anthony Fischer, who consolation alike to the dying and to becoming all to all, as St. Paul enjoins. Dreacher introduced into his sermon a consolation alike to the dying and to becoming all to all, as St. Paul enjoins. They hope to have a nice little parish story which he declared he had from a graided by the Right Rev. Hermann Joseph Schmitz, For this reason the Pope disproves and do its work faithfully, to help the certain lady then living in Dubian, thereistive reasons to supply This lady said that on a certain symtional circumstances just mentioned, their places when needed, to give mis- ing she attended a Roman Catholis writer in the i and in a decree dated May 17, 1886, he sions and spiritual retreats, to preach chapel to witness the deliverance of a side or output As harbor lights or darksome nights forbids the members of the Catholic the Word of God in season and out of number of souls from Pursatory. The writer Church to give directions for the cre-mation of their bodies after death and fick committed to their care, to look lighted. The relatives of the sonis In many a row the tapers glow, Our Lady's altar soft illuming. Shy blossoms fair are clustered there, The perfumes of the May exhaling. The perfumes of the May exhaling. And quaint wreaths twine about the but likewise of the religious services |Augustinian Fathers are going to New lights were extinguished asve one lang and where and York in a few days if everything which shed a feeble light around. Heave from It has been decided to begin work turns out as they expect. But they Presently a part of the floor opened to retrain this summer on the Lady Chapel at lay no claim to being any more suc- and a number of black objects appear- sarily or star St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, cessful in these labors than those who ed and crawled slong before the sitar. Courch and The lady determined to know the Courch and nue, and will be between the two clergy houses. The architecture will ' The new Nicolet (Quebec) cathedral, but it in her pocket. When the got be gothic and the material marole, but being hadly built on a sender will contained by the she found it to be a large live be gothic and the material marole, but the Rev. James N. Conno'ly said that the architect had not yet been chosen. The shapel is to cost \$200,000. The began. Bishop Gravel and his pricets

lieved. It was at this time that Father. "Tom" Maguire, parish prior of In-Dismagrath, came into collision wither

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