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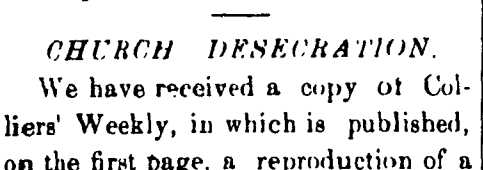
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CHURCH DEDICATION. We have received a copy of Colliers Weekly, in which is published, on the first page, a reproduction of a photograph taken by a correspondent in the Philippines.

Rev. Dr. William F. McGinnis, president of the Metropolitan Truth Society, brought the matter to the attention of the President in the following letter:

"As President of the Metropolitan Truth Society, an organization of Roman Catholics extending throughout the United States, I have been officially directed by the board of said society to call the attention of the United States authorities to alleged outrages perpetrated by American soldiers upon Catholic Churches in the Philippine Islands."

"Such indignation is based, first, upon newspaper reports and comments thereon; second, upon private letters from soldiers who have served or are serving now in the Philippines; third, from sacred vessels sent by United States soldiers to this country and publicly exhibited in New York and other cities; fourth, upon the accompanying copy of a New York weekly giving a photograph of United States officers in the very act of desecrating an altar in a church by using it as a field telegraph station, one of the soldiers being represented as posing for the photograph, cigar in hand."

"Catholics usually are prepared to allow, first, for a certain amount of looting, which is the usual accompaniment of military invasions; second, for the acts of irresponsible individuals; third, for the possibility of some of the property having been purchased or captured by our troops from the Philippine warriors; fourth, for exaggerated reports."

"However, allowing for all this, sufficient evidences of outrages exists to excite the indignation of American Catholics and to convince them that the recent public utterances of Professor Schurman cannot be considered a correct report of existing conditions."

Company D, 12th U. S. Infantry, First Army Corps, First Division, Manila, P. I. Inasmuch as such outrages, as far as we know, did not occur during the military occupation of Cuba and Porto Rico, where the opportunities for the same were as numerous as in the Philippine Islands, we are constrained to believe that they spring from a deplorable lack of military discipline, all the more grave as the impression is abroad that these outrages have been perpetrated with or by the connivance of officers of the United States army.

We are confident the President of the United States would not countenance such abuses were he cognizant of the same. We, therefore, trust that upon receipt of this communication you will do as you see best to correct them, and thereby allay the already widespread and increasing displeasure with this aspect of the present occupation of the Philippines.

A dispatch from Washington says: A cablegram has been sent to Gen. Otis by Secretary Root directing the Philippine governor to report upon the alleged desecration of Catholic churches in the Philippines.

This action was taken after a conference at the White House between the President and Cardinal Gibbons and in view of the protests received from church representatives throughout the country, notably the Rev. W. F. McGinnis, of Brooklyn.

THE HOLY LAND. A special branch of the Franciscan order for centuries has devoted its entire attention to the preservation and protection of the tomb of the Saviour, the stable of Bethlehem, and other sacred relics of the life of Christ.

President Loubet, through pardoning Dreyfus, has made the French government acknowledge that the soldier was made a martyr of. The generals who were responsible for the outrage should be tried, convicted and then sentenced to about twenty years on the Isle du Diable.

Cleveland has a funeral car that was designed by Chancellor Houck, of that diocese.

It looks as if President Kruger had twisted the lion's tail quite hard.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. At that time: "Jesus, entering into a boat, passed over the water and came into His own city. And behold they brought to Him one sick of the palsy lying in a bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the man sick of the palsy: Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee. And behold some of the scribes said within themselves: He blasphemeth. And Jesus, seeing their thoughts, said: Why do you think evil in your hearts? Whether is easier, to say, 'Thy sins are forgiven thee' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then saith He to the man sick of the palsy): Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thy house. And he arose, and went into his house. And the multitude seeing it, feared, and glorified God that gave such power to men."

What are we to learn from this? We are to learn that when we are sick our first thought should be to place ourselves in the grace of God, thus healing our soul first, because diseases are very often a punishment for sins committed; hence a cure can scarcely be hoped for if the cause has not first been removed by repentance.

Weekly Church Calendar. Sunday, September 24—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Matt., ix., 1-8. Our Lady of Ransom. Monday, 25—St. Cleophas, disciple. Tuesday, 26—St. Cyriac and Justina. Wednesday, 27—St. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs. Thursday, 28—St. Veneslaus, martyr. Friday, 29—St. Michael, Archangel. Saturday, 30—St. Jerome, confessor and doctor.

ROBBY HOUR ADORATION. The order of Forty Hours states that the devotions will take place as follows: September 24—St. Michael's, Rochester; Cohocton.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

The Catholic world, says the Colorado Catholic, will find a prominent place in the Great Paris exhibition. A committee formed under the patronage of Cardinal Richard, with M. de Mun as president and Monsignor Pochard, rector of the Institut Catholique, as vice president, is already actively at work.

All the conquests achieved under the flag of Catholicity will be laid before the public. A great central tableau will group into one vast whole all the works, showing their aim and their results. Each branch will subsequently expound in detail its character, developments and achievements.

In these great spheres has the Catholic influence asserted its omnipotence—educational, social, colonial. The first of these will be illustrated by the vast array of teaching orders. The second holds up to admiration the numbers of co-operative societies, syndicates, workingmen's clubs, dwellings for the poor, savings banks, hospitals and charitable institutions.

By the mountains are denoted the apostles and prophets who preach the gospel of peace—that is, of Christ, the Prince of Peace—to the nations. The hills denote the lesser saints, who have not attained the same heights of divine grace, but who yet declare righteousness by announcing the precepts of the Lord to the earth.

The Catholic sisters of the British fleet, says the Roman correspondent of the New World, of Chicago, have been gaining much education at San Remo, where they have put in, by their demeanor while attending mass, over four hundred of them were present, and they joined lustily in the singing of the hymns at Benediction, and also in the hymn to our Blessed Lady, "Hail, Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star."

A prayer to the holy and lovely name of Mary, by Archbishop Neumann, C. SS. R.: "Oh, that I had the heart of all the angels and the saints to love Mary as they love her! Oh, that I had at my disposal the life of all mankind, that I might consecrate it, whole and entire, to the services of the mother most pure! Oh, that I could engrave on all hearts and on all lips the lovely name of Mary, that name so powerful, which constitutes the delight, the security, the happiness of all who utter it with a sweet confidence and a holy joy!"

Mgr. Martinelli, the Apostolic Delegate, will be present at the re-dedication of St. Boniface's Church, Lafayette, Ind., on Sunday, September 24. Extensive improvements are being made on the church. The process of beatification in the Dominican martyrs of Arcueil is proceeding apace. The Rosary states that 103 witnesses have been examined by diocesan tribunals of inquiry at Paris, Lyons and Bordeaux.

A man may care but little for social recognition, but he draws the line at being out by a barber.

POPE AND AMERICA.

The London Times prints a four-column article from its Rome correspondent on the Pope and Americanism, who says: "The recent conflict was of intense interest for Englishmen, because, behind the name of Hecker and all it implies, lies the wider and weightier question, is Roman Catholicism, with its infallible authority and iron framework of dogma, fundamentally compatible with the virility and independence of the Anglo-Saxon temperament?"

After giving a history of Father Hecker, of his movement and of the recent conflict, the correspondent concludes as follows: "So long as the American Catholics formulate no doctrine, claim no liberty and avoid all action which might give a handle to their foes, they may hope to live in peace. Yet the question arises, how long will respect for their past, their independence of spirit, and, especially, the constant influence of the American environment permit them to hold their tranquility on sufferance or to enjoy their freedom by stealth?"

The London Times newspaper is ever at its old game of doing the devil's work. When many of its "well paid" correspondents, who are located at points of much interest, fail to keep up "live issues" to quench the thirst of its readers for "news," it needs be the scribes must know the fine art of the "father of lies," or the knack of the "rubber stretch" of the imagination.

Hence, it is, judging the above synopsis of the correspondent's "four-column article," we discover the old worn out attempt at creating "a mountain out of a mouse."

To his first question, the answer can be given: Roman Catholicity does not rest on any human authority, nor is it subject for its existence on any human structure—the Holy Roman Catholic Church exists by the Grace of God! Hence, the Church does not gauge its teachings to suit the whims of proud man. Nor does it conform itself to the time and the ways of man.

Who ever heard before of the "iron framework of dogma"? Truly, the Times' man is lost for a "sizzle!" He dabbles at figurative speech only to discover himself a victim of confusion of ideas—yet he will blow his horn to equal the windy oracle.

"Virility and independence of the Anglo-Saxon temperament!" How is that for bombast? It would be far better for that writer to confine himself to simplicity of language, for he is a poor hand at the lofty style: Virility and Anglo-Saxon temperament do not harmonize—by the way, haven't got acquainted yet, notwithstanding the introduction of the Times' scribe.

He continues in his new strain: "So long as the American Catholics formulate no doctrine, claim no liberty, etc." We would inform him that the all-sufficient doctrine of the Catholic Church was formulated by Christ over eighteen hundred years ago on the Rock of Peter, and we desire no change yet.

What! Claim no liberty? Since when, pray? If we understand by liberty to be free, why we Catholics are hearty and free in our belief; for we don't doubt in, but firmly believe all the doctrines of our Holy Mother the Church. What greater liberty does the conscience want than contentment of soul? Now, then, it would be well for the Rome correspondent to learn that the stability of the Catholic Church in America does not rest on American environment, but on the Word of God; and by His Grace to so continue until the end of time. Furthermore, the scribe of the Times should know that the Holy Roman Catholic Church was the first temple of worship planted on American soil, therefore, Catholics were the first people from Europe to land in America. Why, then, talk of "permit"? What impudence

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Transpiring in the Different Fraternities. Knights of Columbus. According to the last report of the National Council of the Knights of Columbus, just issued, there are 381 councils of the order in the United States, New York State heading the list with 110 councils. Massachusetts comes next with 104. Connecticut has 63 and Pennsylvania 24. During 1898 there were 87 new councils instituted. The total membership of the order is 42,267, 22,005 being insurance members and 20,262 associate members. The order paid out in death benefits during the year \$140,000. The total funds of the order are \$253,774.

The Knights of Columbus are taking the country by storm. The East has already capitulated and the West is negotiating for a graceful surrender. Every month thousands of names are added to the list of membership. It is no doubt difficult to the uninitiated to account for the marvelous growth of this society; but to those who know the spirit and the methods of the organization it is as natural as the success should have crowned the efforts of Columbus. It is a society for which the intelligent Catholicity of America has long been waiting. It just fits into the needs of the hour; its progress will be irresistible.

The Knights of Columbus has a field of its own. It does not clash with the work of any other Catholic organization; amongst these fraternal institutions it holds a place corresponding to the university in the educational system. By discovering a new continent Columbus in no way interfered with the prerogatives of the old world. The old nations might go on in their own way, working out their destiny; but the new land was destined to be the nursery of a new race, unburdened with the detritus of antique civic institutions. So the Knights of Columbus stand for a new idea in benevolent associations, opening up a vast world of possibilities for the Catholic manhood of America.—St. Paul Chronicle.

COOK OPERA HOUSE. The vaudeville offering at the pretty amusement resort on South St. Paul street the coming week is unusually interesting, both from a local standpoint on account of the Biograph picture of the police and the first appearance in vaudeville of Will H. Cressy and Miss Blanche Dayne, who are the feature of the bill. Almost every theater-goer remembers these two clever players when they appeared as "Cy Prime and "Ricketty" Ann in the "Old Homestead" with Denman Thompson. Mr. Cressy and Miss Dayne have a little play called "Grasping an Opportunity," for which they carry a special scenic set showing an old New England farm yard in which the incidents they present take place.

Barber Theatre. The first part of next week the attraction at this popular play-house will be "Sowing the Wind." For the last half, "On the Wabash" will be given. Don't miss these excellent plays.

NON-TERRITORIAL EXPANSION. Means paying rent for a poor farm. Now is the time to secure a good farm on the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway in Marinette County, Wisconsin, where the crops are of the best, work plenty, fine markets, excellent climate, pure soft water, land sold cheap and on long time. Why rent a farm when you can buy one for less than you pay for rent? Address C. E. Rollins, Land Agent, 161 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

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NERVOUS PROSTATE.

Dr. Landon Carter Gray Tells Women How to Avoid It. "Perhaps the safest rule to follow in seeking to avoid nervous prostration is to exercise great care in the selection of one's ancestors. If possible, select those on both sides who have lived to be a hundred years old. Ancestry, or heredity, have much to do with disease, more especially with nervous disorders," says Landon Carter Gray, the famous nerve specialist, in the January Gentlewoman.

"Heredity is only predisposition, and one can do a great deal to ward off heredity—that is, to ward off the tendency to predisposition. "One way is to have three generous, varied, and well-cooked meals per day. Take plenty of time to eat them—at the very least thirty to thirty-five minutes, better still, one hour, especially for dinner. The surroundings and conditions under which the meal is eaten should be pleasant. Food is worse than wasted which is taken into the system when laboring under great excitement, grief, anxiety, or other disturbing conditions.

"Leave all health foods and all food articles of diet alone as you would snake poison, and just remember that all we know about diet is that we have teeth and digestive fluids to take care of pretty nearly all kinds of food, which is a pretty good indication that we can eat them.

"Take eight hours' sound sleep. Not eight hours in bed, but eight hours' sleep. If you do not fall asleep easily, or the sleep is broken and restless, or you lie awake an hour or more after going to bed, you should remain in bed ten hours. There is not a case in history of a person who did with less than eight and kept his health. The story of Napoleon's six hours' sleep has had a pernicious effect upon many who resembled him in nothing except their endeavor to get along with less than the natural amount of sleep.

"Every woman should get a certain amount of moderate exercise in the open air. It makes no difference what kind of exercise is taken so long as it exercises all the muscles and is not followed by a sense of fatigue.

"The question is not what exercise you think you ought to have but what you can endure. If you find that you can only walk one hour each day without becoming fatigued then that is enough. If you cannot take that much exercise then walk half an hour but if half an hour's exercise exhausts you so that you do not quickly recover after a short rest then you are sick and you need a doctor.

"The element of worry has undoubtedly a great deal to do with nervous depression. There is a great deal of worry which is totally unnecessary. It is possible to cultivate a cheerful and contented frame of mind. If you have not sufficient self-control to do this, then invoke some artificial aid, such as religion, faith cure, don't worry clubs or in some way supplement or cultivate that self-control which it was the purpose of God that you should have. Take a mirror and learn to smile cheerfully.

More Women's Women. A Washington woman, discussing the new woman the other day, made some very little remarks on this product of the nineteenth century. She said: "It seems to me that the women of today are very much like the women I knew fifty years ago. There is one sign in society which shows me more plainly than anything else that women are to a certain extent changed. When I was a girl the half hour or whole hour after dinner was the abomination of desolation. The men stayed with their wines and cigars. The women adjourned to the drawing room and manfully did penance for their sins.

"Some of them tried to be amiable and kept up an invertebrate conversation; some were openly, frankly bored, and the advent of the men was hailed with undisguised joy and relief. Now things are altogether different in this day and generation. To be sure, the men often leave the table with the women, but even when they don't there is no dull hour for the women. "Women are more interested in each other than they used to be, or else they are more interested in themselves. Whichever it is, the result is the same—increased animation and fluent conversation. When a number of women are together nowadays they seem to have a hilarious time, and conversation never flags for a moment. I suppose it is because there are more interests in the lives of women than there were in the old days. I've often seen a look of actual regret on the women's faces when the doors opened and the men came in. It is a wholesome sign. A woman's woman is a much finer product of civilization than a man's woman. The men are so easily deceived, poor things."