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## OUR ELEVENTH YEAR.

Commencing with this issue, THE  
CATHOLIC JOURNAL enters its eleventh  
year of Newspaper life. THE JOURNAL  
was born October 5th, 1889, and  
was a small four-page paper, 12x17  
inches in size. It has grown to its  
present size, a standard one, by de-  
grees, and we now feel that we are  
giving our readers their money's  
worth. Of course, improvements can  
be made in all things, and THE JOURNAL  
is no exception to that fact.

Our desire is to further improve the  
paper and to make it an ideal Catho-  
lic Journal eagerly sought for by all  
the family. The greatest obstacle in  
the way of desired improvements is the  
failure of a large number of subscrib-  
ers to pay promptly each year the  
small amount of the subscription price.  
Supporting the Catholic press does not  
consist in simply taking the paper and  
waiting two or three years before pay-  
ing the publishers. It takes money to  
run a newspaper, however small. It  
is impossible and impracticable to  
carry subscribers year after year.  
The Catholic paper is regarded by a  
great many as a luxury, but it is a  
necessity. It not only cultivates a  
taste for good Catholic reading in the  
family, and is a potent factor in keep-  
ing the faith alive, but, as Pope Leo  
XIII. says: "It is a perpetual mission  
in every parish."

Publishing a Catholic paper is not a  
very lucrative business, but we have  
gone along, making improvements as  
we could, until we have produced a  
good, readable, instructive paper at a  
popular price, and, while the circula-  
tion is not as large as we would like  
to see it, still we know that our efforts  
have been appreciated by over five  
thousand readers, and we desire to  
thank our friends for their support.  
The circulation can be doubled, we  
troubled, if our friends will take the  
trouble to secure one new subscriber  
for the paper the coming year. In  
return, we will send him (or her) one  
of our beautiful pictures of St. An-  
thony.

In closing, we desire to remind our  
friends that we have one of the most  
complete and best equipped job print-  
ing plants in the city, and that we are  
in a position to turn out job printing  
of any sort, in the latest styles, and  
at the lowest prices. We solicit a  
share of your patronage and promise  
you that, if you give us a trial, you  
will be well satisfied.

Arrangements for the celebration of  
one of the greatest religious events in  
the history of Pennsylvania are now  
in course of completion. Loretto, the  
historic little village near the summit  
of the Allegheny Mountains, promises  
to swarm with the greatest Catholic  
dignitaries in the country and thou-  
sands of members of the Church in  
Western Pennsylvania. The centen-  
nial anniversary of the parish of Lo-  
retto is to be celebrated, and a hand-  
some statue of Demetrius Angustine  
Gallatin, prince, priest and pioneer  
missionary of the Alleghenies, will be  
unveiled. The event will take place  
Tuesday, October 10th.

## ST. THOMAS A'KEMPIS.

Of the millions who have read and  
re-read the immortal works of Thomas  
a' Kempis, probably very few know  
anything of the leading facts of his  
life. Throughout the Catholic world  
the name of Thomas a' Kempis is loved  
and revered for his wonderful religious  
books the pious spirit of which have  
caused them to be sought after by peo-  
ple of every clime and tongue, and to  
be translated into many languages.  
The spiritual instruction of the inspir-  
ed monk of the Catholic Church con-  
tained in his numerous works shows  
the beneficent missions of the monas-  
teries which dotted Europe previous  
to the Reformation, but which unfor-  
tunately fell a prey to the sacrileg-  
ious greed of the royal reformers who  
followed.

He was born at Rempen, near Col-  
ogne, in 1379. At the age of thirteen  
he entered the school conducted by the  
Brothers of Common Life and in 1393  
became an inmate of the house of  
Brother Florentius Radawin, super-  
ior-general of the order. In 1400 he began  
his novitiate at the monastery at  
Mount St. Agnes, near Zwolle, of which  
his brother John was prior, and in  
1413 was ordained priest. It is  
thought that he composed about this  
time the short treatise on the Euch-  
arist which now forms the fourth book  
of the "Imitation of Christ."

In 1425 he was elected sub-prior of  
the monastery and was charged with  
the spiritual direction of the novices.  
In 1429 he and his brother were forced  
to emigrate to Tunekerke, in Fries-  
land, but they returned to Mount St.  
Agnes in 1432, when Thomas became  
treasurer of the monastery. In 1448  
he was again elected sub-prior, and  
he held his post till his death, which  
occurred on July 26, 1471, at the age  
of ninety-two.

We are warned by the Church and  
by our own conscience to be prepared  
to meet God, and if found wanting  
when weighed in the balance who will  
be to blame, as sin is found at our own  
door? Therefore stop and think be-  
fore you go further, as your soul is of  
infinite value, and if lost shall be lost  
forever. Late Father Michael Mueller,  
C. S. S. R.

The Lutheran ministers of Kansas  
have taboed secret societies one of  
them even refusing to attend the fun-  
eral of a member of his church who  
had joined a secret society two weeks  
before. Slowly, but surely the evil  
effects of such obnoxious unions will  
come to the minds of all intelligent  
and right-minded men, who will exert  
their influence to put down that which  
is destructive to any community.

Bishop Mesmer, of Green Bay, Wis.,  
has had occasion to call attention to  
the fact that in some places in his  
diocese Sunday night dances are held,  
and attended by people who call  
themselves Catholics. He orders his  
priests to withhold absolution from  
those who frequent such places, as he  
will not allow such conduct among his  
people.

The Cistercians exiled from Cîteaux  
exiled for the last 107 years, have  
again entered into possession of their  
famous abbey, the cradle of their  
Order. A large body of religious from  
the abbey of Sept-Frond and Cham-  
baraud, in the dioceses of Moulins and  
Grenoble, made their entry into Cî-  
teaux on the 2d of October, 1898, the  
Feast of the Holy Rosary. The last  
abbot of Cîteaux was expelled, with all  
his religious, in 1791. The new abbot,  
Dom Sebastian Wlart, Abbot-General  
of the reformed Cistercian Order, is  
the 69th abbot. Although residing ordi-  
narily at Rome, he combined the title  
and functions of Abbot of Sept-  
Frond, of which he was possessed,  
along with his generalate. A recent  
rescript of the Holy Father has just  
named him Abbot of Cîteaux and de-  
clared that this title will be in perpet-  
uity the title of the General of the re-  
formed Cistercian Order.

The unique distinction of being the  
first Catholic religious to win honors  
at Cambridge University since the  
Reformation has fallen to the lot of a  
son of Ireland. The Rev. R. H. Con-  
nolly, O. S. B., who is a son of the  
late Mr. Nathaniel Connolly, Police  
Magistrate at Carcoar, has taken his  
B. A. degree and won honors in He-  
brew at the great school of learning  
mentioned. He was educated at the  
Benedictine College at Downside, Bath,  
England, and afterwards became a  
monk in the monastery. He will be  
ordained to the priesthood this month.

Two hundred and eighty Catholic pa-  
pers in Germany, all well supported.  
No wonder that there is a Catholic  
centre party, controlling the business  
of the empire.

## A CRISIS INEVITABLE.

That we are arriving at that stage—  
crab-like in fashion—in the history of  
our national affairs as is evident by the  
clashing elements that can be discov-  
ered in both the Democrat and Rep-  
ublican parties, much more so in the  
latter party, which now has in its  
grasp the workings of our present  
weak administration. Apparently,  
"we" are growing to be a proud and  
powerful nation; but, in reality, we  
are building our superficial aspirations  
on foundations built in sand! Like  
blackbirds who think their own white,  
we Americans are so puffed up with  
self conceit we imagine, in a high de-  
gree "we are the people!" Hence,  
comes the cruel irony to dictate to  
other peoples and nations until we, in  
our haste for wealth and power, find  
ourselves classified as a despotic form  
of government. Hints and declara-  
tions in that direction have already  
found vent in European journals  
against our present administration.  
Charges of that nature never fail to  
sting to the quick the sensitive spot in  
the heart of every true American citi-  
zen. Nevertheless, the charges are  
verified in our unconstitutional con-  
duct in the Philippine Islands. Until  
our unrighteous war ceases with the  
Philippine people the European jour-  
nals will not fail to remind us of  
boasted acclamation we have been  
making for over a hundred years on  
the subject of "Freedom." If free-  
dom is good for we Americans, it log-  
ically must be true and good for the  
liberty-loving Philippines! But the  
huge barrier to the realization of such  
an important fact is "self individual-  
ism." That is the fearful curse that  
has its fangs tightened in the actions  
of many of our official politicians of  
these latter days—men whose official  
capacity is summed up with the  
"magnet" of the "almighty dollar."  
It is not the doctrines, the ad-  
vocates and admirers of Henry  
George, Dr. McGlynn, Edward  
Belamy and other conscientious and  
true reformers the government will  
have to fear, but the "Scribes and  
Pharisees," who are numerous  
throughout the length and breadth of  
the land. They bob up almost in  
every quarter, and make themselves  
quite conspicuous in both political and  
"business like" fashion, and often  
times find vent for their "policy" in  
the guise of the man of minister's  
cloth. That we have arrived almost  
at that crisis that time and anon was  
predicted and prophesied by true  
political reformers a few years ago, is  
amply illustrated in the able editorial  
comments of the late issue of the Ave  
Marie on the great labors of Cardinal  
Vaughn. After paying a well de-  
served tribute to that great man's  
worth, the Ave Marie caps the climax  
in this fashion:

"Cardinal Vaughn is a man with  
clear vision, and he probably foresees  
that the extremes of wealth and pov-  
erty which are now rousing the indig-  
nation of workmen everywhere,  
their envy and unrest, will result in a  
great revolution. The stifled sense of  
man's inalienable rights, like a sleep-  
ing volcano, may break out at any  
time. The mammon worship of the  
age is sure to be destroyed by fire and  
sword, if the maxims of the Sermon  
on the Mount do not overthrow it."  
A man of Cardinal Vaughn's cali-  
bre and clear insight into all matters  
pertaining to the public weal is well  
deserving of special attention.  
Ah, if the rulers, masters and ser-  
vants of the people would but gauge  
their actions in accordance with the  
maxims of God's teachings, what a  
different state of affairs would exist  
that would inevitably benefit all man-  
kind at the present day, instead of  
war, rumors of war, brother fighting  
brother, systems in Christian civilized  
countries clashing with systems that  
keep humanity in a confused state,  
when individuals, in general, display  
a restless and unhappy disposition.  
And why all this confusion and rest-  
lessness of spirit in the general pub-  
lic? Simply because proud man re-  
fuses to bow in humble adoration to  
the Will and Teachings of his Cre-  
ator. Verily, he cannot listen to the  
voice of the Great One and satisfy his  
passions at the same time. Hence, it  
needs be he must make the choice;  
and, as a rule, he joins in the wor-  
ship of the "golden calf!" There-  
fore its evidences of self-individual-  
ism are conspicuous in almost every  
avenue of life; that the casual ob-  
server is bound to exclaim: "The  
spirit that permeates society to-day is  
'survival of the fittest!'"  
Let us drop all claim on Brotherly  
Love, Humanity of Man, Christian  
Civilization, "Higher Education,"  
says, Blessed Assimilation, until we  
redeem ourselves to the real compan-  
ionship of their affiliation. Then,  
and not until then, truthfully can we  
exclaim, "We are Christians."  
Watkins, N. Y. H. O. C.

A French girl once asked the priest,  
"Why is it, Father, that we ask  
every day for our daily bread, instead  
of asking it for a week, a month, or a  
year?" "Why, you little goose, to  
have it fresh, to be sure," was the  
reply.

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## THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL—Twentieth Sunday after  
Pentecost. At that time: "There  
was a certain ruler whose son was sick  
at Capernaum. He having heard  
that Jesus was come from Judea into  
Galilee, went to Him, and prayed Him  
to come down and heal his son, for he  
was at the point of death. Jesus there-  
fore said to him: Unless you see signs  
and wonders you believe not. The ruler  
saith to Him: Lord, come down be-  
fore that my son die. Jesus saith to  
him: Go thy way, thy son liveth.  
The man believed the word which  
Jesus said to him, and went his way.  
And as he was going down his ser-  
vants met him; and they brought  
word, saying that his son lived. He  
asked therefore of them the hour  
wherein he grew better. And they  
said to him: Yesterday at the seventh  
hour the fever left him. The father  
therefore knew that it was at the same  
hour that Jesus said to him, Thy son  
liveth; and himself believed, and his  
whole house."

What are we to learn from this  
Gospel?

First, we are to learn how useful  
trials and afflictions are to lead us to  
God. Secondly, we are to admire the  
goodness of God in bearing with our  
imperfections when we pray to Him;  
and lastly, like that ruler, we are to  
lead our neighbor, at least by our  
good example, to the knowledge of  
God and to the faithful observance of  
His holy law.

FORTY HOURS ADORATION.  
The order of Forty Hours states  
that the devotions will take place as  
follows: October 8—St. Joseph's,  
Rochester; Dundee, Geneseo, St.  
Alphonse, Auburn.

Weekly Church Calendar  
Sunday, October 8—Twentieth Sunday  
after Pentecost. St. John, lv. 46-53.  
St. Bridget of Sweden, widow.  
Monday, 9—SS. Dennis and Companions,  
martyrs.  
Tuesday, 10—St. Francis Borgia, confessor.  
Wednesday, 11—SS. Tarachus and Com-  
panion, martyrs.  
Thursday, 12—St. Wilfrid, bishop and con-  
fessor.  
Friday, 13—St. Edward, king and confes-  
sor.  
Saturday, 14—St. Callistus, pope and mar-  
tyr.

TIME.

[Written for THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL.]  
"Tempus Fugit" Ah, too true.  
"I, we mortals, with small concern,  
Heed the warning old yet new—  
"Into dust we shall return."  
Ah! could we but return the days  
Ill-spent and no reward!  
In that decree we have no say—  
Alone Him, our mighty Lord.  
Since Time flies into the past,  
With records of good and ill,  
Let the promise now forever last—  
"God's every command we'll fill."  
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## DEATHS

James Nolan died Monday at his  
home in Cortland, aged 38 years. He  
was well known in Rochester, and was  
taken ill while visiting in this city,  
about seven weeks ago. He was  
treated at St. Mary's Hospital, but  
later removed to his home. Mr. No-  
lan is survived by his wife, his mother,  
Mrs. Mary Nolan, of Moravia, and  
two sisters, Miss Ella, of Moravia,  
and Mrs. Alvin Green, of East  
Venice, and three brothers, Michael  
Nolan, of Auburn; Ed Nolan, of  
Rochester, and David W. Nolan, of  
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brae shelf above, handsomely  
carved drop, five shelves in book-  
case, both bookcase and writing  
desk finished inside, \$12.

Same style case with drawers  
and cupboard below writing desk  
and small drawer inside, \$13.75.

Same style Case three drawers  
below desk and small drawer in-  
side, \$15.

Quartered-oak, golden finish, or  
mahogany finished Case with three  
drawers below desk, top drawer  
having shaped front, \$17.75.

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finish, Case, standing 6 ft. 2 in.,  
high, drawer and shelf below  
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bination Case, 6 ft. 2 in. wide,  
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drawers below desk, with shaped  
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case, back of case of bird's-eye  
maple, \$29.50.

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and white and red mahogany;  
three drawers below desk with  
shaped fronts and having heavy  
grotesque carvings either side,  
carved claw feet, two drawers over  
writing desk with canopy top  
above supported by colonial pil-  
lars, 20 x 16 inch French beveled  
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