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TO OUR READERS AND PATRONS.

A word or two of apology is due our
host of readers for an unavoi-
dable delay in the publication of this
edition of the JOURNAL. An unex-
pected (though fully appreciated) in-
flux of favors from our advertising
patrons, which, by the way, will fur-
nish interesting and profitable reading
matter at this particular season of the
year, combined with slight drawbacks,
must be our excuse for asking the in-
dulgence of our readers.

THE JOURNAL wishes to tender its
heartfelt acknowledgments for the nu-
merous and gratifying responses to the
appeal for aid in behalf of the desti-
tute Indian orphans in the far North-
west. The aid comes most acceptably
at this inopportune season of the year.
"God loveth a cheerful giver," and
all who aid in such a noble cause will
surely receive their reward. The box
will be held open until Monday even-
ing, and all who wish to contribute
can do so up till that time.

A perusal of our advertising col-
umns this week will be of interest as
well as profit to our readers. They
represent the leading houses.

BOOK "LARNEN" SCARON.

EDITOR CATHOLIC JOURNAL:

Dear Sir:

Just a few words in reply to the let-
ter of Father Hendrick of Ovid, agent
of the "Lex" Mayor Warner contro-
versy. He says, "No person would
for a moment seriously listen to such
talk." Now the very fact that
prompted my letter was on account of
a gentleman calling at my office the
Saturday the article appeared. He
said the object of his visit was not a
purely business one, but to ask me if I
thought Mayor Warner was the kind
of a man that "Lex" pictured him.
His question gave me food for thought.
I am not ready to allow that the man
was an ignoramus, or that he is a fool,
although perhaps amongst learned
men, like my friend Father Hendrick,
for instance, they might question his
mental acumen. He asked the ques-
tion in all seriousness, and was satis-
fied with my positive answer in the
negative. May there not be hundreds
of common people like him in Roches-
ter people who have little knowledge
of the whys and wherefores of things
political and do not weigh such mat-
ters up for their actual worth. I do
not agree with Father Hendrick that
it is unnecessary to notice a "barking
dog" like "Lex" because, possibly,
he might be rounded up through the
controversy and his identity brought
face to face with the public, if he re-
ceived some good sound thumps under
the fifth rib. As for myself, I do not
take the vicious blather seriously,
but my plain calling of the spade a
spade, may serve as a check for the
future, and we may be spared having
to read articles just before each
election, circulated to arouse religious
prejudices through the medium of sec-
tarian journalism—and poison the
minds of people like the man who
called to see me. My judgment al-
lows me to agree with Father Hendrick
as to taking the matter seriously, but
there are thousands of people—unlike
myself—who are not loaded down with
book learning.

JAMES M. NOBLE.

PROMOTERS OF GOOD.

Madame Maheo, a Catholic lady, is
at present traveling through Italy for
the purpose of promoting an associa-
tion of an international character. It
is called "The International Catholic
Society for the Circulation of Good
Books." Two years ago Madame Ma-
heo founded it at Bordeaux with the
blessing of the Holy Father and the
encouragement of several Cardinals
and other ecclesiastical dignitaries.
The objects in view are to provide
Catholic libraries in towns where they
do not exist, to distribute books among
Catholic societies and to give them to
prison chaplains for the use of those
under their charge, to found Catholic
libraries in rural districts and at mil-
itary stations, to supply books to the
hospitals and the Society of St. Vin-
cent de Paul and to bring Catholic
publications to the notice of the work-
ing classes. Of late Catholic vitality
in Europe has been reasserting itself
in literary publications, and the ex-
amples of the Church have found its in-
fluence more difficult to resist. The
new international Catholic society will,
no doubt, avail itself to the fullest
extent of this intellectual and literary
movement. As an auxiliary of the
Catholic truth societies it will do a
work of incalculable value.

Two prominent Catholic laymen of
New Orleans who refuse for the present
to permit the publication of their
names have made a munificent gift to
the Jesuit Fathers of New Orleans, and
the order has begun the work of erect-
ing a new college annex. The new
building will be the first of a series
of college buildings to be erected in the
near future on the historic old
square in Baronne street. It will be a
splendid four-story brick structure,
with a basement seventeen feet in
height, and will be perfect in all its
appointments and equipments. The
corner-stone of this new and magnifi-
cent edifice will be laid in about a
month with most imposing ceremonies.
Upon this stone will be the inscrip-
tion: "In the beginning of this twen-
tieth century this building was erected
in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
through the munificence of —" (here
will be inserted the names of the don-
ors).

The increasing popularity of chancel
music is full of promise for the future
of Catholic church music. We trust
that the exceedingly figured music,
with its endless repetitions, to which
the faithful have been so long sub-
jected has run its full length. This
sort of music in a divine service is
more than distracting; it is positively
exasperating, and thus defeats the very
purpose of its being part of the service
at all. It is intended that music
should be an aid, to put the faithful
in worshiping mood, to lift their hearts
and minds to God, to awaken within
them feelings of piety and devotion,
and not to call up recollections of
grand opera, with all the trills, runs,
gasps and explosions which often pass
for finish in voice culture. What is
more impressive, more devotional,
than the majesty of a simple hymn
sung by a choir of boys. To have had
the happiness of listening to such a
choir and then to be doomed to the
hodge-podge which is shrieked out
from the loft of many a Catholic
church Sunday after Sunday is an in-
fliction from which we would pray our
worst foe to be delivered.—Rosary
Magazine.

Father Robert, the well-known Pas-
sionist missionary, now rector of the
Passionist Fathers' church, St. Louis,
Missouri, opened a season of missionary
work in Denver, Colorado, last month.
He was assisted by Fathers Bonifacio
and Henry of St. Paul, Kansas. In re-
ferring to the order to which Father
Robert belongs, he says, "The order
is only 100 years old and is therefore
quite modern in its makeup. It is what
you might call thoroughly up-to-date.
Our garb is medieval, but our customs
and beliefs are fully abreast with the
times. It requires fully 10 years for
even a well-grounded applicant to be-
come a priest in our order and 15 years
to become a missionary. We make it
a point to be thoroughly conversant
with all matters of interest to men of
letters and science, as well as to be
thoroughly familiar with our religious
doctrines.

From the beginning of the Church
all down the centuries until this day
true faith has bound together the
names of Jesus and Mary as they
were bound together in the great de-
crees of mercy in eternity, as their
persons were bound together in the
promise in Eden, and as they were
bound together in the bond of the
birth in Bethlehem, the bond of
blood, and as they were bound to-
gether on the Calvary hill, in the
bond of sorrow. Separate one name
from the other and the mystery of
the Incarnation is a broken thing.—
Father Ryan.

St. Michael's church at Fourth ave-
nue and Forty-second street, Brooklyn,
will shortly be replaced by a handsome
stone edifice.

DOCTOR BROWNSON.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS CATHOLIC PUB-
LICIST AND PHILOSOPHER.

A Monument to Be Erected to His Memory
in Central Park New York City—A Life
Sketch of the Distinguished Convert to
Catholicity.

About 13 years ago a movement was
inaugurated in Providence to erect a
monument in honor of the illustrious
Catholic publicist and philosopher,
Orestes A. Brownson, notes a writer
in The Providence Visitor. The pur-
pose announced was to make the
movement a national affair, and the
intention was to place the memorial in
Central Park, New York city. The
chairman of the committee having the
matter in charge was Mr. M. J. Har-
son of Providence, and the committee
was made up of representative Catho-
lic laymen from all sections of the
United States. We quote some extracts
from the address issued when the pro-
ject was first announced:

Many of the illustrious sons of our
noble Republic who have won the
highest distinction as jurists, states-
men, soldiers and authors, as well as
in other vocations, have been proud to
be known as members of Holy
Church, prominent among these is the
name of the profound scholar, publicist
and philosopher, Orestes Augustus
Brownson, LL. D.

From the time when he became a
Catholic, in 1844, to his death, he de-
voted his great learning and ability
to the defense of the Church, in ex-
planation of her doctrines and in re-
futation of modern errors, and was a
most prominent figure in the Catholic
and Protestant world. The value and
importance of his labors cannot be too
highly estimated. He stood up in de-
fense of the Church at a time when her
champions were few and impotent;
and when religious bigotry was at its
height. His writings will live as long
as truth needs to be defended, as long
as there are sham to be exposed and
errors to be refuted. He has been pro-
nounced the first review writer of our
country, and was regarded as among
the first men of the age. His style,
based on the best literary models,
gives a charm to all he wrote, and in
his masterly handling of the Eng-
lish language he stands unsurpassed.

He put aside the most tempting of-
fers of public preferment and private
gain for the sake of embracing the
truth, and after a life's labors in the
cause of Catholicity, died poor. The
memory of such a man should not be
permitted to die. His great faith and
unflinching courage, fervent piety and
entire industry go to make up one of
the highest ideals of manhood for our
youth to contemplate, study and imi-
tate.

While many monuments to the mem-
ory of illustrious citizens have been
erected in various parts of the country
through the generous assistance of
Catholics, none of these perpetuate
the memory of one distinguished for
sterling Catholicity, as well as other
virtues deserving honor.

Catholics should no longer bear the
reproach that they willingly honor all
but their own, and are indifferent only
to them. We believe that if appealed
to with proper spirit they will respond
with that liberality they are distin-
guished for in all other undertakings
calling for financial aid. The virtues
of Dr. Brownson should be held up be-
fore our young men as a most wor-
thy example for imitation, and the
merits of his labors entitle him to be
held in the highest esteem by all Catho-
lics. The debt we owe his memory
for the services he rendered to us can
never be fully measured or repaid. By
honoring his memory we honor our-
selves, and the erection of a fitting
memorial will result in the organiza-
tion of a Catholic public spirit which
will exert the greatest effect for good
on ourselves.

Funds have been slowly accumulat-
ing during these years, and at a meet-
ing held at the Catholic Club, New
York, October 12, 1898, Mr. Harson
was authorized to make a contract with
some sculptor of acknowledged ability
to execute the work. After much
consideration the commission was
given to Samuel J. Kitson, of Boston,
and the design accepted is a colossal
bronze bust on an imposing granite
pedestal. The sculptor has been at
work on the design since last Spring,
and the model he has prepared has
won commendation from all who have
seen it. Before anything of this char-
acter can be accepted by the city of
New York, it must be examined by
the municipal art commission and se-
cure their approval. This commission
is made up of some of the leading ar-
tists, sculptors, architects and art
authorities of New York. The Kitson
model was exhibited to the art com-
mission November 14th, at the Catholic
Club, and secured their unqualified ap-
proval. The next step is to get ready
to cast the bust and prepare the
pedestal. In the meantime a com-
mittee of prominent Catholic gentlemen of
New York will confer with the park
commissioners and select a site. The
unveiling ceremonies will probably
take place some time in May or June,
1900.

The fund is not yet quite complete,
and all who wish to contribute may
send their contributions to the chair-
man, Mr. M. J. Harson, 196-200 West-
minster street, Providence, R. I., or
to Charles A. Webber, Esq., treasurer,
66 Court Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. A
prompt acknowledgment will be made.

Port Elizabeth in South Africa is a
very Irish city, with a Catholic popu-
lation, mostly Sons of St. Patrick, num-
bering 8,000. In 1870 the Catholics of
the town numbered about 40; in the
sixties they had reached 1,200; in 1874
they were 1,800; the government census
in 1892 declares them numbering 2,456,
and at the present day 3,000.

Here is a devout invocation by
Church Progress: God bless Father
McKinnon for the good work he did in
Manila; and God spare and strengthen
him for greater labors; and God for-
give him for some of his lectures and
interviews while in this country.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPELS.—Third Sunday of Ad-
vent.—St. John i. 19-28.—At that
time: "The Jews sent from Jerusalem
priests and levites to John, to ask him:
Who art thou? And he confessed: I
am not the Christ. And they asked
him: What then? Art thou Elias?
And he said: I am not. Art thou
the prophet? And he answered: No.
They said therefore unto him: Who
art thou, that we may give answer to
them that sent us? What sayest thou
of thyself? He said: I am the voice
of one crying in the wilderness: Make
straight the path of the Lord, as said
the prophet Isaiah. And they that
were sent were of the Pharisees. And
they asked him, and said to him: Why
then dost thou baptize if thou be not
Christ, nor Elias, nor the prophet?
John answered them, saying: I bap-
tize with water, but there hath stood
One in the midst of you Whom you
know not. The same is He that shall
come after me, Who is preferred before
me: the latchet of Whose shoe I am
not worthy to loose. These things
were done in Bethania beyond the
Jordan, where John was baptizing."

What are we to learn from this gos-
pel?

We should learn to practice hu-
mility, as St. John did, by confessing
sincerely our nothingness, by not
sounding our own praises even when
there may be occasion to do so without
danger of ostentation, and by suffering
with patience injuries even when
when performing faithfully our duties.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, Dec. 17.—Third Sunday of Advent.
Gospel, St. John i. 19-28. St. Olympia,
widow.

Monday, 18.—Expectation of the B. V. M.
Tuesday, 19.—St. Nemesion, martyr.
Wednesday, 20.—St. Christian, bishop. Fast.
Thursday, 21.—St. Thomas, apostle.
Friday, 22.—St. Zeno, martyr. Fast.
Saturday, 23.—St. Victoria, virgin and mar-
tyr. Fast.

At the recent annual election of Council
23, C. R. & B. A., the following officers
were elected: President, James Clancy,
1st vice president, Caroline Sullivan, 2d vice
president, Fannie L. Maloney, recording
secretary, Katherine McCallen, assistant re-
cording secretary, Adelle Maloney, financial
secretary, Mrs. M. F. Brennan, treasurer,
Lizzie M. Claffey, marshal, Edward Mc-
Manamy, guard, Jeremiah Coffey, trustees,
Bessie Green, Adelle Maloney, delegate,
Edward J. Ryan, alternate, John J. Heveron.

Branch 93, C. M. B. A., have elected the
following officers: Chancellor, William H.
McDonald; president, F. J. Connor, 1st
vice president, William H. McCarthy, ad
vice president, T. V. Hughes recording
secretary, J. J. Cullington; financial secre-
tary, B. V. Logan, assistant secretary, R. F.
Quinn; treasurer, P. Moran; trustees, R. J.
Seaton, T. T. McKenna, delegates to cen-
tral council, J. J. Sweeney, J. J. Cullington,
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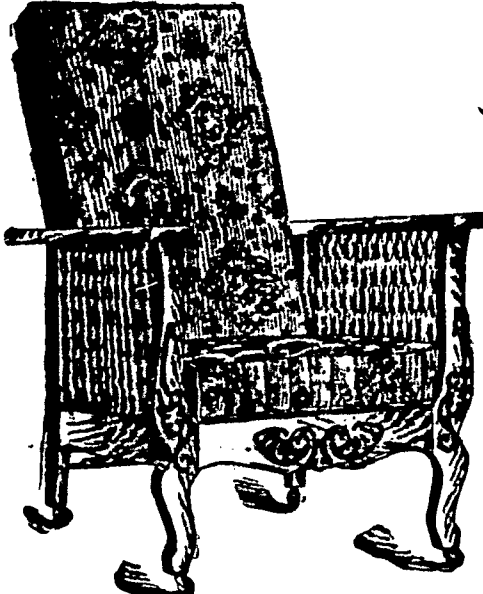
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