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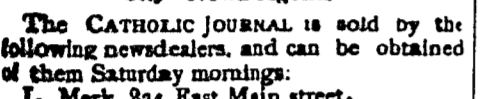
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THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS.

In the summer of 1897 a letter from Cardinal Jacobini was sent to all the bishops of the Christian world and was published very largely in the press, so that the project of celebrating the end of the century by religious exercises recalling the wonderful triumph of the Cross was cordially accorded to by the spiritual leaders in the church, and bishops, speaking for their own dioceses signified their intention of doing what may be, within their own jurisdictions. But, says the Catholic World, is it not fitting that we in the United States, who have been blessed perchance more than any other people, should in a more united and more emphatic way celebrate the closing days of this century?

Probably in all history there has not been a more remarkable growth than that the last one hundred years has brought to the church in these United States. This unique fact should have a unique celebration. As the mere suggestion, to be taken up and discussed by the Catholic press, to be approved or to be disapproved, to be excised or expanded, the editor submits the proposition of bringing about a gathering of priests, bishops, and laymen, under the auspices of the Hierarchy in some important centre—a gathering which will have as its clearly defined purpose the manifestation of the glories of the church in these United States during the century, in the various departments of human knowledge and human activity; a gathering in which may be presented by the ablest writers carefully prepared papers on the achievements in the various religious movements of the times. Such a gathering will be epoch-making in its results.

It will undoubtedly have a far-reaching effect not only on the many who, though not of the faith, still look to the Catholic church as the mainstay of religion, and who say if organized Christianity is to be found anywhere it must be enshrined in Catholicism; but such a celebration will have the other effect of further uniting against a common opposition, of eradicating whatever differences may have crept in among us on questions of policy, and of presenting to the world of irreligion the spectacle of a united, progressive, and aggressive church which speaks with authority, which settles the perplexing difficulties of belief, and which, finally, claims to be and is the ark of Salvation to all the world.

The Monroe assemblymen and senators are presenting the claims of Rev. Father Hendrick of St. Bridget's church, Rochester, for the position of regent as successor to Father Malone, who died last week. It is thought that Father Hendrick has a good chance for the appointment in view of the fact that Rochester has no member of the board of regents. It is to be hoped that Governor Roosevelt will honor Father Hendrick. His appointment would be pleasing to all Rochesterians, as the number of people

WHY LATIN IS USED

Some Interesting Reflections From a South Indian Exchange.

Here is a cutting from the letter of "Dorothea," correspondent of the Catholic Watchman, a South Indian paper, which certainly suggests interesting reflections. "See those two little Tamil-speaking boys on either side of the priest. Transport them to another altar, in any part of the globe, and they are ready to serve mass in Latin. Transport the priest himself to some alien land, where his fellow-priest lies sick and lonely. In Latin will he console, help and absolve his brother. We once made part of a large congregation in Burma—a congregation composed in great part of Burmese, but with a sprinkling of English, French, Italians and Portuguese, natives of India. We should have been unable to converse with each other outside the church, but once before the altar all joined in the Benediction service, ending with a glorious chorus. In the Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes." It was a thrilling proof of the unity of the Church. Such opposing masses had been said in English in England. How it would have altered. We can hardly understand and find it hard to understand the dialect of the shires. Had the Church made use of living languages, the words of her liturgy must have been changed, time after time, in every country.

"Now, the Mass, the form used in the administration of the Sacraments, the hymns, all our glorious inheritance from the saints and their Masters is crystallized in Latin. It is unchangeable, is impervious to error, is firm and sure as the rock on which the Church is built."

UNDER THE BAN

Societies, Membership in Which is Forbidden to Catholics.

Kindly inform me if an Odd Fellow can be admitted to the sacraments?
SUBSCRIBER.
A member of the Order of Odd Fellows cannot receive the sacraments, nor be granted ecclesiastical burial unless, having made due retraction, he has been reconciled to God and the Church by absolution. The archbishops of the United States having submitted to the Holy See some questions regarding three societies existing in America—the Odd Fellows, the Sons of Temperance, and the Knights of Pythias—on the 20th June, 1894, a decree was issued condemning these societies. The bishops were exhorted to warn the faithful against joining or remaining members of these societies; and it was directed that anyone who, notwithstanding this warning, remained a member of one of these societies and would not sever his connection with it was not to be admitted to the sacraments.

The following extract speaks for itself. It is taken from a letter dated January 18, 1896, from Cardinal Palecchi to Mgr. Satolli, then Papal Delegate to America: "After the definite condemnation by the Holy See of these three secret societies established in these States—the Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows and the Sons of Temperance, because they are intrinsically evil—a condemnation which has been notified to all the Ordinaries of those countries, no Catholic worthy of the name can hesitate to regard them as gravely unlawful. It is evident, then, that all who call themselves Catholics are bound, under risk of great loss to their souls, to abandon the societies of which they are members in any manner whatever, to separate themselves absolutely from each and every one of them and to break off completely all connection with them. Those who refuse to do so must be regarded as unworthy to receive the Sacraments, inasmuch as they are obstinate in sin."—Exchange.

THE TRUE SANTA CLAUS.

The history of Santa Claus—a curious mixture of truth and fable—goes back into the ancient time. Centuries ago a child was born in Asia. Minor who received the name of Nicholas. His parents were wealthy and of high rank, and desiring to express their gratitude to God for the birth of their son, they resolved to educate him in the Christian priesthood. The child was sober and thoughtful and while yet young both his parents died and he inherited their great wealth.

He considered the riches a sacred trust; he fed the hungry, clothed the destitute and performed all kinds of good deeds as secretly as possible. As a priest he was greatly beloved; as a Bishop he continued his benevolence. After his death the Church canonized him and he became one of the greatest patron saints, being revered as the helper of the poor, the protector of the weak and as the special patron of little children, who were taught to believe that their good gifts came from him.

Saint Nicholas was familiarly changed to Santa Nicholas, and finally slipped down to Santa Claus, who is still represented as retaining his old habits of secret benevolence and coming down the chimney at night laden with Christmas presents for children. A pleasant fiction it is to them, and the cover of which, that charming secrecy concerning the donors of gift is kept up, though little eyes and ears and minds are keen, and Santa Claus is usually very well known to them as a much more modern personage than old St. Nicholas. But the children enjoy the harmless pretense, the mysterious filling of stockings and the heavy laden Christmas tree.

MIRACLE AT LOURDES.

Bishop Charard of Vincennes, Ind., Relates the Story of a Wonderful Cure.

In an interview the other day the Rt. Rev. Bishop Charard, speaking of his recent visit to Lourdes, made some interesting statements with regard to a miracle that came under his personal observation some years ago. "There are," he said, "modern miracles which cannot be gainsaid. I have personal knowledge of one that to me is satisfactory answer to the peer that 'signs do not follow those who believe.' A man by name Pierre de Rudder, of Jabbeke, near Bruges, in Belgium, had his leg broken by the fall of a tree. For seven years he suffered from this fracture, in which both the bones of the lower leg, the tibia and fibula, were broken, which was complicated with an external wound, continually discharging. Seven different physicians visited the poor man; everything tried was of no avail. The limb shrank and was perfectly useless; and walking without crutches was impossible. Not only was this the case, but on April 1875, he was obliged to put on the wound an oak bark plaster to destroy the worms in it. The foot could be bent from side to side so that the heel was in front.

THE BOER'S COUNTRY

The Good Work Being Done There by Catholic Missionaries.

The society of the Propagation of the Faith supports several missions in South Africa. The prefecture apostolic of the Transvaal was erected in 1888; it comprises a Catholic population of about 5,000. The mission is conducted by the Oblate Fathers. The Marist Brothers have a college with five or six hundred pupils at Johannesburg. There are a dozen or more convent schools under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Family, the Dominican Sisters, and the Sisters of Loretto. Two hospitals are also conducted by the Sisters, who number many good friends among the Boers.

CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS.

Many Catholics do not seem, unfortunately, to appreciate the necessity of having Catholic physicians, says the Weekly Bouquet. The souls that have been saved by timely baptism at the hands of Catholic doctors have been many, and notice of coming death has often enabled souls to be prepared and strengthened by the sacraments. Not long ago a Catholic, who had been careless in his religious duties, was seized with a sudden illness. No immediate danger was apprehended by his family, but nevertheless he died. "Why did you not tell us of his danger?" cried his wife to the doctor in attendance. "We should have sent for a priest." "My dear madam," said the Protestant physician, "I did not see the necessity of disturbing him and his family for the sake of mere superstition. It was far better to allow him to slip quietly into the arms of the Lord!" And so the poor man who had not received the Blessed Sacrament through negligence for years, died as he had lived. We know that God is merciful, and it is not for us to say what became of his soul, but if a Catholic physician had been called, the bereaved might have been spared much poignant regret and suffering.

THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM.

Sleep, sleep, my Beautiful Babe,
O King Divine,
O Child of mine,
O Beautiful Lily, sleep!
Thou Heavenly King,
Sleep while I sing,
Sweet Babe, and do not weep.
Sleep, sleep, my Beautiful Babe!
With my poor veil,
Thy cheek so pale,
O King of Heaven, I'll cover;
O King Divine,
O Babe of mine,
My Lord, my Light, my Loveliest,
Father Babe.

LITTLE THINGS

A burnt match was thro' one day,
Carelessly into a pile of hay,
Surely it could do no harm,
To thro' a burnt match into a barn;
But the match was lighted, and was the hay,
And the barn was burned, who was to pay?
A sinful word was dropped one day
Before a child at its play,
Surely one word could do no ill,
But the seed took root and liveth still,
When that soul is weighed on Judgment Day,
If found wanting, who is to pay.
Be watchful over all things small,
The little things which make us fall,
If we carefully guard the tongue each day,
At death, we will have very little to pay.
S. R. Q.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Luke, ii. 42.—
"And when Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast. And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the Child Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and his parents knew it not. And thinking that He was in the company, they came a day's journey and sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem seeking Him. And it came to pass that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His wisdom and His answers. And His mother said to Him: Son, why hast Thou done so to us; Behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. And He said to them: How is it that I sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business? And they understood not the word that He spoke unto them. And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. And His Mother kept all these words in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men."

From this we should learn that if Jesus Christ, king of kings and Lord of lords, did not refuse to obey Mary and Joseph, we should not refuse to obey humbly and voluntarily our parents, superiors, and all who are charged with our care and education.

Weekly Church Calendar
Sunday Jan 7—Octave of the Epiphany, Gosp. St. Luke, ii. 42-52—St. Lucien, martyr.
Monday, 8—St. Severinus, abbot, confessor.
Tuesday 9—St. Julian and Basilissa.
Wednesday 10—St. Agatha, priest.
Thursday 11—St. Hyginus, priest, martyr.
Friday 12—St. Arcadius, martyr.
Saturday 13—St. Veronica, martyr.

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THE "FORTY HOURS."

WHEN THE DEVOTION WILL BE HELD

In the Churches of the Diocese of Rochester

January 21—St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester; 28—Watkins.
March 4—First Sunday in Lent; Holy Family, Auburn, Scottsville, Hyde, 11—Brockport; Aurora, Mt. Morris; Waterloo, 18—Fairport; Weedsport; Penn Yan, 25—Lyons; Port Byron; Pittsford; Mumford; SS. Peter and Paul, Elmira.
April 1—East Bloomfield; Stanley; Spencerport; Holy Rosary, "rumansburg, 22—Palmyra; East Rush; Canandaigua; Cayuga; St. John's Elmira; St. Monica's Rochester, 29—St. Bridget's Rochester; Newark; Bath; Waverly.
May 6—Caledonia; Geneva; Victor; Hornellville, 13—Seneca Falls; Avon; St. Mary's, Rochester; Moravia; C. rning; 20—Montezuma; Immaculate Conception, Rochester; Ovid; Honeyo Flats; Holy Family, Rochester; St. Patrick's Elmira, 27—Nunda; Clifton Springs; Union Springs; West Bloomfield; Holy Apostles, Rochester; St. Mary's Elmira.
June 3—Corpus Christi, Rochester; Ithaca; Naples; Shortsville.
July 22—Penfield; Horseheads.
August 1—Macedon; McLean, 26—Chili; Groton; Romulus; St. Stanislaus.
September 9—St. Boniface Rochester; Churchville; Wayland; Hammondsport, 16—Holy Redeemer, Rochester; Scipio; Rexville; Our Mother of Sorrows, Lady Hill, 23—St. Michael's, Rochester; Cohocton; Webster, 28—Addison.
October 3—St. Casimir's, Elmira; Ontario, 7—Honeyo Falls, 14—St. Joseph's, Rochester; Dundee; Genesee; St. Alphonsus, Auburn, 21—Lima; Farmersville; Phelps; Coldwater; Owego, 25—Perkinsville, 28—Livonia; Northville; Charlotte.
November 4—St. Francis Xavier's, Rochester; Moscow, 11—Rushville; St. Mary's, Dansville; St. John's, Greece, 18—Our Lady of Victory, Rochester; St. Patrick's, Dansville.
N. B.—No change in the day here named is allowed without permission of the Ordinary.

A partial indulgence of ten years and ten times forty days is granted once each day to those who, during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, visit the church and there pass some time in prayer.

The plenary indulgence is made applicable to the souls in purgatory. All the altars of the church are declared privileged during the Exposition.

Where permission to celebrate the devotion of the Forty Hours has been granted, its solemnization must be observed at the appointed time, to gain the indulgence.

Council 18, C. R. and B. A., will hold a party at their rooms 15 Durand Bldg., Tuesday evening, Jan. 9th. Light refreshments will be served and after the card playing dancing will be in order. Members and friends of the sisters councils are cordially invited. A good time is assured. On that evening the officers for the ensuing year will be installed: President, John E. O'Neill; 1st vice-president, D. G. Kavanagh; 2nd vice president, Miss Ida McMahon; recording secretary, Mr. F. H. Heslian; financial secretary, Eliza M. Kavanagh; treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Rhines; marshal, Miss E. Loergan; guard, Miss Mary Grace; delegate to convention, M. D. Kavanagh.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla Proverb Calendar for 1900 is the prettiest we have seen. It is borne in front of two little girls, whose tress, sweet faces, and dainty robes of blue and pink form a pleasing picture upon which to look during the coming year. The calendar is printed from large plain type and gives valuable information. The calendar is made to stand alone or it can be suspended from the wall. Everyone will want Hood's calendar, and you should ask your druggist for it at once. You can obtain one, if more convenient, by sending 6 cents in stamps to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What's Transpiring in the Different Societies

Hibernian Knights

The company celebrated the advent of the twentieth century by a smoker at headquarters at which a number of the members enjoyed themselves with some quiet games by which they passed some very pleasant hours after midnight mass. Of course the evening's amusement was of an informal nature, there being only the single members and a few of their friends present. Still in their quiet way all enjoyed themselves and went home happy. Among those who did very good to add to the comfort and pleasure of all present was Brother Ed. Sheridan by sending wine and Comrade Jeremiah Breen, for his excellent music and Comrade Michael Morrison and James P. Donnan for their patriotic songs. To Miss Minnie Cullane the company wishes to offer their thanks for her kindness in singing, and also for her music and we hope to be able to reciprocate, as her singing was alone able to keep any audience entertained. Comrade Downes acted as toast master in the absence of Captain Quinlivan who was confined to his home by sickness. At the first of the entertainment he introduced Miss Helen J. McCaffery, who sang in a very pleasing manner "Come Back to Erin." He also introduced the president, C. J. Dolan, who apologized for his inability, on account of a cold to make a speech, but promised to say something appropriate on March 17th, or at the end of his term of office in June. Lieutenant Coughlin, and E. Treasurer M. J. Connors, and Secretary Daniel J. Slattery also made some brief remarks at the conclusion of which John L. Sullivan and Harry Downs sang "God Save Ireland" and the evening's amusements concluded by three rousing cheers for the success of the Boers.

Division 4, A. O. U. in Line.

During the meeting of this Division held in Frankfort hall, on Tuesday evening, Brother Patrick Cauley visited and was the recipient of a cordial welcome and made some very instructive remarks. As the remarks coming from him are always very instructive, he being vice president of Division No. 2, A. O. U., and legal advisor of the county board, he is always a welcome visitor and one who the members like to see and hear. The Company of knights which was organized a few weeks ago expected to have Captain Quinlivan of the Rifles present, but as the hours came and went, Captain Smith and his men began to think the officer was to busy in the Rifles to come as both the division and company meets the same night, yet our company was surprised by the appearance of a stranger, who after a few words with Captain Smith and President Thomas J. Summers was introduced as the junior officer of the Rifles, Second Lieutenant Dolan, who stated that Captain Quinlivan was sick and confined to his home, and the other officers engaged in drilling their company after this explanation. The lieutenant and Captain Smith with his officers got the new company in line and as they got in line a few more members of the Rifles came, they being Secretary Slattery, Privates Downs, Mahoney and Flynn, who assisted their officer three quarters of an hour in instructing our company in the school of a soldier. As is always the case there was at first some very amusing movements, but after a few minute instructions the new members become very apt pupils and acquitted themselves with credit at the close of their short instruction. President Somers thanked the officer and promised to be in line at the state convention and to meet next Tuesday at the Rifles rooms.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

The officers of Branch 134, C. M. B. A., were installed last Tuesday evening by Grand Deputy L. G. McGreal and District Deputy P. J. Lechleitner. After installation a game of progressive pedro was played. First prize was won by Mrs. I. B. Savard and Deputy Lechleitner; booby prize, won by Mrs. Frank Colby and Mr. Louis B. Savard. After the game refreshments were served and some very interesting remarks were made by Deputies McGreal and Lechleitner and others of the order, and all departed wishing each and all a happy and prosperous New Year and with best wishes to all.

The County Board will hold an important meeting Sunday.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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