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EASTER.

To-day ends the Lenten season, and to-morrow the Church resumes her joyful garments, laid aside for a time. The Gloria peals joyously forth and everything wears a glad appearance. We have followed Christ in His passion, watched with Him in the garden, stood with Him before Cainphas and Pilate, heard with Him the rabble cry out for His life, seen Him delivered over to a cruel and ignominious death, pitied Him carrying His cross; witnessed the most sublime sacrifice in the world's history, heard Christ comfort His repentant companion in misery, listened to His touching and affecting prayer for those who sought His death; then shared in the confusion when the Son of Man gave up the Ghost. His life of explation for the sins of mankind is now ended. To-day His body reposes in the tomb; but death has no power over Him. To-morrow He comes forth to shed o'er the world for a time the light of His benign presence. His death and resurrection should be types of what has been taking place in our souls. We have been sorrowing and doing penance for our sins; to-morrow we should have made peace with our Creator and should, with Him, rise to a life of devotion to our God and His Church. May the light of the risen Christ illuminate our hearts and fill every nook and crevice so completely that there will be no room for the Evil One to find a foothold.

THE DEWEY SURPRISE.

Not more surprising to the Spaniards was the victory in Manila Bay, than was the announcement of Admiral Dewey's candidacy to the Democrats of the nation.

The nomination of Mr. Bryan as the Democratic candidate seemed to be a foregone conclusion, until the gold Democrats conceived the idea of defeating him by bringing forward the great naval hero. The situation in the Democratic party is peculiar—almost unique.

Seventy-five per cent. of the Democratic party favors the free coinage of silver, and is opposed to expansion. Upon these two issues Mr. Bryan is in perfect accord with his party, while the Admiral who has never voted in his life, is reported to be in perfect accord with the Republican party, upon these questions, being an expansionist and a defender of the administration, and a pronounced advocate of the gold standard.

But here his republicanism ends, for, unlike most Republicans—and for that matter—most Democrats, he is an admirer of Grover Cleveland. Behind the Dewey boom there is money, and experienced political leadership of the old school. Behind Mr. Bryan there is no money, but great popular admiration in the Democratic party. These forces will soon be in a desperate conflict.

If Bryan wins the nomination, as now seems certain, the Dewey supporters who were the Cleveland Palmer-Buckner men in 1896, will defeat him at the polls at any cost. If Dewey wins, it is hardly probable that the Bryan men will stultify themselves by worshipping the "cross of gold."

CONTRIBUTORS THANKED.

Our readers will remember that in December we called for donations of clothing for the destitute Indian children of the far North West. The response to the call was generous, and we were enabled to send a big barrel, (packed tight and running over) with not only cast off clothing but many new garments as well, which were purchased by our readers for the little ones. The barrel was shipped by freight and arrived at its destination only a few weeks ago, as the following letter from the missionary explains:

April 3, 1900.

Editor CATHOLIC JOURNAL:

Dear Sir:—You will be glad to hear as I am glad to tell you that your nice barrel of clothing arrived safely a few weeks ago. You are indeed a good friend of my poor orphans, and I shall look up to you as their benefactor and friend, for your kind charity to them deserves my heartfelt thanks. My grateful thanks for those good kind donors who in any way had contributed to send me this nice and beautiful offering. They may be confident of my earnest prayers in their regard and those of all my poor orphans, the most destitute of Christ's poor little ones. I wish you could have seen the delight with which the barrel was received, it would almost compensate you for your trouble, the big boys helping of course, and those that were not so honored, standing at the window all full of delight. They jumped for joy as the articles were taken out, and it is on an occasion like this you could see their kindness for one another as from all sides were heard, "A good coat for Thomas, those pants will fit John, and this little overcoat for William and so on." The gifts of clothing are a rare thing, and one that confers great happiness. I feel sure the Sacred Heart of Jesus will bless you abundantly for your charity "in clothing the naked and feeding the hungry."

In the mean time kindly thank all those good charitable persons who had contributed in any way and assue them and you, my dear sir, they will not be forgotten in the holy sacrifice or the daily prayers said by our little orphans for their benefactors.

Believe me to be,
Yours very gratefully and sincerely in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

EDWARD M. COURRIS, O. M. T.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Mark. xvi. 1-7.—Easter Sunday—At that time: "Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought sweet spices, that coming they might anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came to the sepulchre, the sun being now risen. And they said one to another: Who shall roll us back the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And looking, they saw the stone rolled back. For it was very great. And entering into the sepulcre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed with a white robe: and they were astonished. Who saith to them: Be not affrighted: you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen, He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee: there you shall see Him, as He told you."

We ought to learn from these pious women to be courageous in working for the glory of Jesus Christ, and, as St. Gregory says, "We shall bring Him balm if we serve Him with humility and with mortification."

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, April 15th — Gosp. St. Mark, (xvi. 1-7—Easter Sunday
Monday, 16—St. Ben. Joseph Labre, confessor.
Tuesday, 17—St. Rudolph, martyr.
Wednesday 18—Blessed Mary of Incarnation, virgin.
Thursday, 19—St. Leo IX., priest, confessor,
Friday, 20—St. James, confessor.
Saturday, 21—St. Anselm, archbishop.

New Books Received.

"An Every Day Girl." By Mary Catherine Crowley. 16 mo, with frontispiece, 40c. Benziger Brothers, New York.

"Uriel's Stations" Two simple methods of making the Way of the Cross. 54 pages Small 32mo, paper, 10 cents. John Murphy Company, Publishers. Baltimore, Md,, 44 W. Baltimore street. New York, 70 Fifth Avenue.

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ST. NICHOLAS AND THE CHILDREN.

While Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra, a terrible famine afflicted the country. During this famine, the holy bishop, full of compassion for his people, not only obtained a miraculous supply of bread for the crowds immediately before his eyes, but made visitations to every part of his vast diocese, that he might acquaint himself with the condition of all his people. On one of of these visitations he lodged in the house of a man into whom Satan seemed to have entered; for when lawful meat failed for his table, he supplied it with the flesh of little children whom he stole, murdered in cold blood, and served up, as meat from the shambles, to the travelers who were his guests. It was this horrible repast, disguised with his best skill, that this wicked man dared to set before the bishop and his companions. But no sooner had the man of God set his eyes upon the sumptuous table prepared for him, and upon the meat made savory to the nostrils of others, that he understood the horrible fraud. Commanding the host to be called into his presence, he charged him, then and there, with his abominable crime. Trembling in every limb, the guilty man confessed his sin, for how could he hope to hide it from such eyes? Then Nicholas told him to lead the way to the place where the remains of his victims had been hidden. They found them salted down in a tub, to the horror of all the beholders. But Nicholas, clothed with all the majesty of a bishop of God, and endowed with that power which the Almighty One gives to His saints, no sooner made over them the sign of the cross than life returned to these limbs and bodies, and three little children rose up on their knees in the tub, their hands joined in an act of thanksgiving to God for their deliverance, and their faces beaming with celestial joy! The holy bishop ordered these children to be restored to their mother,—a poor widow, and thus the curse of God was removed from the house, and from the country where such crimes had been committed.

Occasionally you will find Catholic parents says the Sacred Heart Review, who find fault with Catholic schools. Generally such parents are unfitted to judge of the relative merits of this or that system of education. Their opinions, nevertheless, are voiced with a very profound and judicial air. For instance, of Sisters' schools this remark is often heard: "Oh yes, the Sisters are fine for teaching religion, but——" What follows may be guessed. Here, however, in a Methodist paper, and Methodist papers are not disposed, by any means, to lean towards a peculiarly Catholic system—we find a recognition of the worth of the Sisters' schools. Writing of a Methodist school for girls, the most convincing proof the Northwestern Christian Advocate can adduce as to its excellence from every view point is that it is the only institution in Methodism "which really competes with the Sisters' school of the Catholic Church." In other words, the writer wishes Methodists to recognize the high standard to which the institution has been brought, by comparing it to the Sisters' schools. The trouble with the Catholic parents who minimize the worth of the Catholic school is that they do not, in most cases, know in what way a true system of education differs from that which is false.

A learned French Jesuit, Pere Hoppolyte Leroy, has given a new study of Our Lord and His times to the public. The slander that Catholic priests do not encourage their followers to study the Bible is unconsciously refuted in these words on the first page of this book: "The study of the Bible, useful and necessary at all times, is more than ever so at the present day, for it is against the Bible that science is now concentrating its efforts." Pere Leroy, after showing what the gospel was in early times, says: After twenty centuries things have not changed. The gospel is still the apple of discord fallen from heaven upon the earth. While some kiss its pages with the respect of adoration and the tenderness of love, others treat it with contempt, scattering its pages to the winds, and thinking that thus they perform one of the greatest services to humanity."

In Speaking of Easter-tide in Ireland the Irish American notes that every out-going mail at this season of the year contains substantial tokens of love for the "old folks at home" from their faithful kindred on this side of the ocean, who thus contribute materially to make the festival one of genuine happiness.

Cardinal Vaughan ordained his nephew, Herbert Vaughan, to the priesthood the other day at Courtfield, the Herefordshire home of his family. The place would have been the Cardinal's but when he went into the Church he made it over to his younger brother, Col. Vaughan, the father of the newly ordained priest.