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### JACK TAR IN THE SISTINE CHAPEL.

About a hundred jackies from the crew of the United States ship Dixie had a special audience with Pope Leo XIII on the 13th ultimo. It would be hard to say who enjoyed it more, the Pope or the sailor boys. The boys made more noise, but the Holy Father looked quite as pleased as they did. The Sistine Chapel has been the scene of a good many interesting audiences since the beginning of the jubilee year, but the reception of the American tars was different from anything else those famous old walls have ever seen or heard, says the Roman correspondent of the New York Sun.

The Pope entered the Sistine Chapel carried by four men in scarlet knee breeches and coats, the later of an ecclesiastical cut, buttoning snugly to the neck. On either side and in front and behind walked Swiss guards. There were in addition quite a retinue of priests of various degrees and in varied costumes, so that the procession, dominated as it was by the figure of the Pope in his white robes, was exceedingly interesting as well as beautiful. As the chair was carried into the chapel the people burst into "vivas" acclaiming the Pope as king, waving their handkerchiefs and crying aloud. Many of the women looked up at him with faces streaming with tears while they murmured incoherent prayers, apparently not knowing what they were saying or doing. The Pope bent to right and left, blessing with his uplifted fingers the crowd that knelt and acclaimed him.

Then the enthusiasm mounted also to the heads of the Dixie boys. They did not shed tears nor faint, because they are not built that way. And they did not cry "vive le Pape roi!" because they didn't know how to say it—even if they wanted to. But one of them called for three cheers and right there in the Sistine Chapel below the frescoes of Michael Angelo there went up a mighty

"Hip, hip, hooray! hooray! hooray!"  
"Hip, hip, hooray! hooray! hooray!" and then  
"Ti-ger-r-r!"  
The attendants in red did not drop the Pope, because they are trained to hold steady even if a bomb should go off behind them. But the bomb wouldn't have surprised them any more than those three Dixie cheers. The Holy Father looked remarkably well.

Edward Downes, of New Haven, Conn., who was consul to Amsterdam during the second administration of President Cleveland, will be ordained into the priesthood at Rome on Sunday, June 10. Mr. Downes like his brother Alfred, who is private secretary to Mayor Van Wyck, of New York city, is a native of New Haven. He is about 38 years old, and was at one time city clerk. During the presidential campaign, which resulted in Cleveland's second election, Mr. Downes, stumped New Jersey for the Democratic party, and soon after was appointed consul.

While in Amsterdam he announced to his friends that it was his intention to become a priest, and at the expiration of his duties in office he went to Rome, where his time has since been devoted to study. Bishop Tierney of the New Haven diocese has accepted Mr. Downes. He will return to New Haven, N. Y., immediately after his ordination.

### FAULT FINDERS.

Occasionally you will find Catholic parents who find fault with Catholic schools. Generally such parents are untrained 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: "O, 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 North-western Christian Advocate can adduce as to its excellence from every viewpoint is that it is the only institution in Methodism "which really competes with the Sisters' schools 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—Sacred Heart Review

The Monitor of San Francisco gives the following bit of news—it is news to us though it may not be to some who read The Rev. Father John, a member of the French Order of the *Sorrowful Mother*, has undertaken to establish a trade school and home for aged priests, either in Connecticut or Rhode Island. The school is intended for the children of French parents in New England. Father John spent twenty years as a missionary among the Navajo Indians of New Mexico and old Mexico. He has built mission churches and a school for these Indians. The school is attended by many children. He has invited the assumptionist Fathers of France, recently suppressed by the French government, to work among the Indians. Many of them will accept the invitation.

The Archbishop of St. Louis was greatly surprised on returning from a journey recently to find the valise he carried well filled with samples of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco, instead of his purple vestments. About the same time a drummer was equally surprised on opening what he supposed to be his valise, to find it full of episcopal vestments, instead of cigars, pipes, etc. The two travelers had somehow exchanged valises on their arrival at the depot. The salesman found the archbishop's name on the valise and on returning it to its owner found the prelate gazing at the choice assortment of fine sample of cigars.

How is such a vast institution as the Catholic University of Louvain, with its 2,000 students and large staff of 100 professors and lecturers, its extensive laboratories, museums and similar establishments, but without government support or large foundations, able to subsist and develop so rapidly? The answer does honor to the large-minded views and courageous initiative of the Belgian hierarchy. Apart from the students' fees, which are very moderate, the whole endowment of this great institution is in the charity of the faithful. Twice a year, on the first and second Sundays of Lent, a general collection for the University is made in every church and chapel, at every mass and other service throughout Belgium.

Among the American prelates who will have anniversaries to observe during the month are Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia and Christie, of Oregon, and Bishop Harkins, of Providence; Janssen, of Belleville; Donahue, of Wheeling; Richter, of Grand Rapids; Gallagher, of Galveston; McDonnell, of Brooklyn; Montgomery, of Monterey and Los Angeles; O'Gorman, of Sioux Falls, and Auxiliary Bishop Rouxel, of New Orleans. During the past week Archbishop Elder of Cincinnati has celebrated the forty-fourth anniversary of his ordination. His eighty-second birthday occurred on Thursday of last week.

When Father Childwick visited the school children at St. Joseph's Academy, says the *Wheeling Church Calendar*, the pupils requested him to ask for a holiday. "The Sisters will give you a half-holiday on this occasion, I am sure," responded the Rev. Father. One bright little girl spoke out: "Oh, Father, I did not think navy chaplains did things by halves."  
The division of the diocese of Dubuque will not take place until after the see is filled, the Delegate having decided any such action premature at the present time. Of course, no names will be sent for the new see of Sioux City until after that event.

Mr. Martinielli the apostolic delegate has promised to visit Ballaia, Ohio, Sunday, May 27.

### NO CATHOLIC MASONS.

LIMA, May 9, 1900  
**EDITOR CATHOLIC JOURNAL.**—I am in receipt of your favor of this date enclosing a communication to you from some person at Avon, N. Y., who signs himself "A Catholic," and who inquires as to the right of the late Hon. John Coyne of Geneseo, more recently of New York, to Catholic burial. The letter of "A Catholic" seems to have the ear marks which show that the proper receptacle for the communication would have been the waste basket; nevertheless I am not sorry you sent it. There are probably others who are, in all sincerity, in a similar state of mind to that described by your correspondent. It would, however, have been better had you sent the communication to Rev. Jas. A. Hickey of Geneseo, N. Y., in whose parish the late Mr. Coyne lived until his recent appointment as First Deputy Attorney General of the State of New York. That the funeral services were held at Lima, was simply a matter of convenience, the burial place of the Coyne family being in St. Rose's cemetery, Lima. However, since you send "A Catholic's" letter to me I shall take the liberty to reply to your correspondent.

I have heard it both affirmed and denied that the late Mr. Coyne was a "mason" as your correspondent puts it, but as a despatch from the Rev. D. Scanlon, O. S. F., was received in Lima, by me, announcing that "the last sacraments were administered to John Coyne" by him, it is fairly certain that whether Mr. Coyne was or was not a "mason" during his life, he did not die a freemason. Every Catholic who knows his religion knows that a member of a condemned secret society, must, in order to receive the last sacraments and thus be reconciled to the Church, renounce his membership in such society, and the fact that the last sacraments have been administered in a particular case is "prima facie" evidence that in this particular case such renunciation has been made. The possibility of repentance on the part of a "mason" as he puts it, does not seem to have entered into the mind of your correspondent.

Your correspondent says somewhat jauntily "I want to join the masons." If he is "trying to be the sincere Catholic" he says he is, he will ask himself before "joining" whether, it is the mark of a good Catholic to take a step which he must retract before receiving the sacraments, even when at the point of death.  
Respectfully yours,  
SIMON FRYSIMONS,  
Rector of St. Rose's church.

### THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. John xvi 5 14 —  
"At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: 'I go to Him that sent Me, and none of you asketh Me: Whither goest thou? But because I have spoken these things to you sorrow hath filled your heart. But I tell you the truth: it is expedient to you that I go, for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He is come, He will convince the world of sin, and of justice, and of judgment. Of sin: because they believed not in Me. And of justice: because I go to the Father, and you shall see Me no longer. And of judgment: because the prince of this world is already judged. I have yet many things to say to you; but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will teach you all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself, but what things soever He shall hear He shall speak, and the things that are to come He shall show you. He shall glorify Me, because He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it to you.'

What are we to learn from this Gospel?  
Seeing the apostles filled with sorrow because they must separate from their divine Master, we should learn how great our sorrow ought to be when of our own accord we separate ourselves from Christ by sin; and learning how necessary the Holy Ghost was to the apostles, we should always invoke Him that He may also instruct us in the truths of the faith, and guide our steps on the way of evangelical perfection.

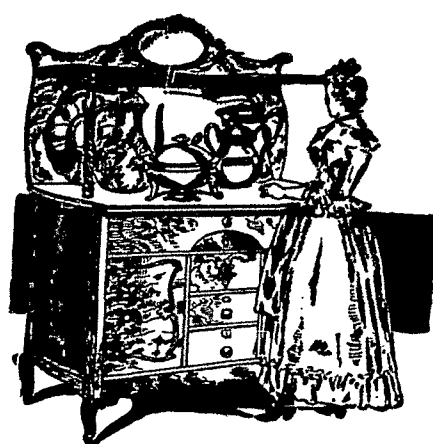
### FORTY HOURS' ADORATION.

The order of Forty Hours states that the devotions will take place as follows:—May 13.—Seneca Falls; Avon; St. Mary's, Rochester; Moravia; Corning.

### Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, May 13th.—Gosp. St. John, xvi. 5-14.—Fourth Sunday after Easter.—St. John the Silent, bishop.  
Monday, 14.—St. Boniface, martyr.  
Tuesday, 15.—St. Sophia, virgin, martyr.  
Wednesday 16.—St. John Nepomucene, martyr.  
Thursday 17.—St. Paschal Baylon, confessor.  
Friday, 18.—St. Venantius, martyr.  
Saturday, 19.—St. Peter Celestia, priest confessor.

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On Thursday, May 17th, the New York Central will run their annual spring excursion to New York city at the rate \$8 70 for the round trip from Rochester. Tickets will be good going and returning on all but limited trains, and for return passage until Tuesday, May 22nd. For further particulars, call at city ticket office, 20 State street, corner Corinthian St., (old Exchange Place) or address J. C. Kalbfleisch, Dist. Pass. Agent.

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### Division No. 3, A. O. H.

At a meeting of Division No. 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians of Monroe County, N. Y., at Cathedral hall, Monday evening, May 7th, the following resolutions were passed: Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to take unto Himself our beloved brother, Jas. E. Burke, the Hibernians of Monroe county have lost a valuable friend, one who by his genial ways and charitable deeds endeared himself to all.  
Resolved That we tender to the bereaved family our most sincere sympathy in their hour of affliction, and that these resolutions be published in THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL. Patrick Cauley, Cornelius O'Neil, Thomas Enstace, committee.

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