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Question has been raised as to the propriety of THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL in printing last week a communication signed "A Protestant." It was not the intention of the editor to allow any serious criticism of the reverend clergy of the diocese. Far from it. Our duty and mission is of a different sphere.

FATHER DESHON, C. S. P.

The selection of venerable Father Deshon as preacher at the dedication of the Catholic Chapel, West Point, last Sunday, was singularly appropriate As he stood before the congregation, every inch still a soldier, despite his nigh eighty years, and indulged in West Point reminiscences when a cadet and room-mate of Grant's in the famous institution, sixty years ago, he won all hearts, especially those of the cadets and officers who formed a large part of his audience.

More than eloquence of the tongue was that honest, rugged face, the sympathetic force of his simple, earnest words, and the scattered, whitened hair that the breeze sometimes blew over his furrowed brow. If we mistake not, it was while at West Point that Father Deshon became a Catholic, with the late General Rosecrans.

When he left the army to devote his life to quite another sort of militant pursuits, with Fathers Hecker, Hewit, Baker, Walworth and possibly a few others, Father Deshon joined the Redemptorists. But after a few years in that order, those ardent spirits, with the Pauline zeal of new-born converts, thought they could do more for Christ and the Church along other lines of missionary activity. And so they founded the community known as the Paulist Fathers, which was approved by the Pope and which has done so much good since its establishment for the spiritual enlightenment and weal of numberless non-Catholics especially. The venerable Father Deshon is now commander-in-chief of the Paulist Fathers. Long may he reign!—Union and Times.

We are reliably informed, says the Cleveland Universe, that it is the intention of the faculty of Georgetown College to confer some academic degree on Admiral George Dewey, the hero of Manila, at its commencement this month. In connection with this interesting piece of news, it has also been learned, on the authority of the Admiral himself, that the report about Mrs. Dewey leaving the Catholic Church is, in the emphatic language of the Admiral, a blasted lie. We are glad for the lady's sake that she has too much sense to sacrifice her faith for any earthly consideration.

A celebration such as, it is believed, was never before witnessed in the United States was observed in Paterson, N. J. It was the feast of Corpus Christi, and thousands of people journeyed to St. Bonaventure's church and participated in the services arranged by the Franciscans. High mass was sung at 9:30 o'clock, and at 11 o'clock a procession was formed, in which priests and members of societies to the number of five thousand paraded through the principal streets in the western part of the city. A platoon of police led the procession, and another followed up the rear. The Blessed Sacrament was carried under a canopy. All the houses were decorated with flowers and bunting, and on the stoops of several residences altars had been erected. At two points benediction was given The streets in the vicinity were crowded The best of order prevaild throughout the time of the solemn ceremonies. As the priest bearing the Sacred Host under a beautiful silk canopy came the way the multitudes of people knelt in the street and devoutly adored their Lord and God. It was an inspiring spectacle.

According to a dispatch from Norfolk Ohio, the remains of Rev Ignatius Ponchele, the first priest to have charge of St. Mary's Catholic Church in that city, who died forty years ago, and whose remains were placed in a vault under the altar to the church, were exhumed on Monday to be removed to the church burying ground. The casket was opened and the parties having the matter in charge were startled and frightened at finding the remains in a perfect state of preservation The face was as natural and lifelike as though the dead priest had just lain down for a sleep His vestments were also well preserved.

At Baltimore, the other day, Cardinal Gibbons urged upon the young men of the various Catholic societies the necessity of organization and federation, declaring that the old saying that "In union there is strength," never had such forceful meaning as in the day in which we live "A drop of water," said the Cardinal, "does not appear to amount to much, but let us take millions of them and unite them and we have the great Mississippi winding its way to the Gulf."

Very Rev. J. B. Rene, S. J., prefect apostolic of Alaska, was in Portland, Oregon, recently en route to Juneau, Alaska. Prefect Rene's jurisdiction extends over Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, a territory embracing 531,409 square miles. Father Rene speaks very enthusiastically of Alaska, and predicts a great future

CATHOLIC NOTES.

A sister of T. M. Healy, M. P., recently made her profession at the convent of the Dominican Nuns Pietermaritzburg, Natal. The ceremony took place in the private chapel of Bishop Jolivet, O. M. I.

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One of the touching and pathetic incidents of the Memorial Day exercises in Cincinnati was the decoration by the G. A. R. of the graves of ten Sisters of Charity who served the sick and wounded and soothed the dying veterans of the war.

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Congressmen Glynn and Ryan, of New York, and Rev. Walter Elliott, C. S. P., were elected as judges for the academic elocution contest at St. John's college the institution of the Brothers of the Christian School in the national capital

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Quite a notable conversion is reported from the island of Mauritius, in the reception of Mlle Le Shaw, by the Rev Father Truckwell Miss Le Shaw was one whose influence was felt in every good work, and the prestige of her name will bring large numbers to the Church.

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An exchange says that St Rita, who is one of the new saints, was an Augustinian nun, and so powerful has been her intercession in apparently hopeless cases that in Rome she has been known by the title of "Patroness of the Impossible." The dear saint will now have her hands full.

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Father Stupk, who has been celebrating a Mass for Polish Catholics every Sunday at Immaculate Conception church, Yonkers, N Y, has purchased a plot 100 feet square at the corner of Nepperhan and Yonkers avenues. Price, about $7,000. The new church will be erected there and will be known as St. Casimir's.

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Aix-la-Chapelle is being detached from the archdiocese of Cologne, and thus a new diocese is about to be created in Germany. The Emperor William, it is said, has displayed a keen personal interest in this matter desiring to see the city of Charlemagne, the great emperor of the West and the founder of the holy Roman empire, become an episcopal see.

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Says the Union and Times: After thirty-five years waiting, and when most of the participants in the famous battle are gone to their silent camping ground, A. P. A. bigotry hisses forth the venomous lie that General Phil Sheridan was crowned with undeserved laurels in connection with the battle of Cedar Creek, and had nothing to do with turning defeat into victory on that memorable field. General Sheridan was a Catholic and Irish. -hence those tears.

WHAT A WOMAN THINKS

The man who thinks he knows everything has the most to learn in life.

One of the hardest things to forgive in this world is the success of your equal.

One of the most refreshng sights is the husband and wife who are still lovers.

To more than one young couple matrimonial ties become a very knotty problem.

A wise woman never takes the world into her confidence about her troubles or her family affairs.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Bishop McQuaid Gives Diplomas to Nazareth Academy Pupils

The class of 1900 of Nazareth Academy finished its labors Tuesday night and Bishop McQuaid presented the graduates with their diplomas. It was a pretty ceremony, not without a tender sentiment of its own.

The diplomas number eleven in the academic course and three in the commercial. The academic graduates are Dolores Marie Caring, Mary Elizabeth Flanagan, Elizabeth Cecilia Gallery, Natalie Frances Gallery, Kathryn Marie Hughes, Gertrude Louise Kammer, Kathryn Amelia Kannan, Isabel Mandery, Lilian Esther Torre, Kathryn Janet Shanley and Elizabeth Mary Van Alstine; and the commercial: Grace Marie Nolan, Mabel Agnes Ray and Kathryn Agnes Schell

The exercises were musical, literary and dramatic. The inspiring march from "Tannhauser," arranged for eight hands, served as a processional for the white robed scholars and, at the same time, showed the ability of the young pianists. The children, wee tots, some of them only just able to speak their lines and much too young to be self-conscious, gave a feerie, and dainty Carrie Henchett, the youngest soloist on any stage, sang the refrain. It was sweetly pretty. More ambitious but not quite so successful was the woodland conceit in which the juniors added their forces to those of the minims, the singing, however - it was in parts, a good deal of it—was very good. The children have evidently been well trained and, what is even more important, they take a keen delight in music. If America is ever to be a musical nation, it must be by this means of encouraging a love of singing among the people when they are still at school and their minds warmly impressionable.

The essays by graduates were in several instances of unusual excellence. They showed that quality, rare in young writers, a disposition towards original thought. Gertrude Kammer's essay on the "Effect of Natural Scenery on National Character" was notably good in this respect. She traced the ruggedness of the Spartans to the mountains of Lacedaemon, the sprightliness and grace of the Athenians to the pure atmosphere and charm of that garden of Greece which was their home. She reasoned from the "land of the mountain and the flood" to the heroic race of Bruce and Wallace. In America she found the scenery of all the countries of Europe and a like diversity of character among the people.

Admirably spoken, but not so weighty in matter, was Lilian Torre's "Power of Justice," and Mary Flannagan, in her quaintly conceited "Geometry of Life," touched a note of archaic fancifulness that would have appealed to the symbolists of the seventeenth century. Elizabeth Van Alstine pronounced a panegyric on the English language and, in sentences that were a model in form and nervous with conviction, appealed for pure speech and the right use of words.

There was poetic feeling in Elizabeth Mandery's "Ship Under Full Sail;" Elizabeth Gallery offered "The Olive Branch" with a touching sincerity; and Katherine Shandry threw a personal light on the dark subject of "Eclipses." One girl, Natalie Gallery, chose "The Veto Power" as her subject, and was as serious as a congressman about it. In "What the Diver Sees," Kathryn Kannan was strong in her pathos, but weak in her science. Owing to poor health Kathryn Marie Hughes asked to be excused from reading her paper on "The Strength of Human Weaklings."

Dolores Marie Caring, the graduate who has won most distinction, spoke the valedictory, an earnest and eloquent address on the motto of the Prince of Wales, "Ich Dien." The envoi of her speech is contained in the words: "God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him."

The bishop afterward delivered a short address to the graduates; the orchestral class played an overture by Kreutzer and the work of the graduate class of 1900 was at an end.

SACRED HEART CONVENT.

At the Sacred Heart convent in Prince street Wednesday were held the annual graduating exercises, when five young ladies who had completed the course of study were presented with their diplomas by Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid. The occasion was also marked by the rendition of a musical and literary programme of unusual excellence.

The graduates were: Miss O'Brien of Detroit, Miss Langie of Rochester, Misses O'Dea, O'Brien and Meads of Buffalo.

Those taking part in the exercises in addition to the graduates were Misees Marnie Duffie, Helen Fitzpatrick, Florence McRoden, Julia Finucane, Mary Bryce, Catherine Moran, Marie and Anna Foley, Adele and May Langie, Mead and Heide.

NAZARETH HALL.

The sixteenth annual commencement exercises of Nazareth Hall were held Wednesday morning. There was a large attendance, and the program was unusually interesting.

The graduating class was made up as follows: James P. K. Donoghue, Raymond F. Sheil, George Lechleitner, Coleman F. Slack, Henry B. Howe, Clawrence W. Shafer, James Cherry, James C. Barry, Jack J. Finnucane, Gerald W. O Sheehan.

Rev. A. A. Hughes presented the graduates, after which the diplomas were bestowed and awards made. The primary class presented a very clever pantomine, "The Tall Top Hat," after which Peter Deckman gave a violin solo accompained by Miss Mary A. Felsinger. A chorus by the intermediate class "The Little Letter Carriers," was finely rendered, and made a hit. "A Little Boy's Troubles" were related by Leo Calihan, and George Cunningham told about "A Boy of the Olden Time. Christopher Muhl recited "Joe Sieg" with marked effect, and James C. O'Brien told about "An American Exile," so as to win the approval of the audience. The program closed with an operetta in two acts, "The Bell in the Forest," presented by the graduating class.

PIANO RECITAL.

Pupils of Mrs. Mary Vogt gave an excellent concert at Powers hall last Wednesday evening. The programme was well arranged to give each of the participants an opportunity to display the results of careful instruction, and furnished a very pleasant evening.

Those taking part in the concert were Misses Mary Lynch, Louise Leidecker, Mattie Wiegand, Charles Brisenbach, Miss Bertha Klem, Master Mortie Wilkinson, Miss Katherine Fink, Miss Katryn Buckley, Miss Mary Fink, Miss Marie Fey, Mrs. Mary Hart Wiesner, Eugene Vogt, Thomas J. Shiel, Misses Anna and Jennie Shiel, Miss Genevieve Poirier, Miss Ethel Kraft, Frank Fink, Chas. Rosengreen, Mrs. Mary Vogt and Mrs. Amelia Vogt O'Leary.

THE BAKER THEATRE

For next week, commencing June 25th, another mammoth production is announced, when the world-famed drama, "The Silver King," will be presented The plot of this great play is full of human interest and abounds in thrilling incidents and situations filled with touching pathos. It will be sumptuously mounted and carefully cast, while careful attention will be given to every detail. Weeks of preparation have been devoted to its production, and theatre-goers may confidently anticipate an entertainment in every way worthy of their patronage.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: — June 24. — Third Sunday after Pentecost, St. Luke xv. 1-10—At that time: "The publicans and sinners drew near unto Jesus to hear Him. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying: This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them And He spoke to them this parable, saying: What man of you that hath an hundred sheep, and if he shall lose one of them, doth he not leave the ninety-nine in the desert, and go after that which was lost until he find it? And when he hath found it, lay it upon his shoulders rejoicing and coming home call together his friends and neighbors, saying to them: Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost? I say to you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven upon one sinner that doth penance, more than upon nintey-nine just that need not penance. Or what woman having ten groats, if she lose one groat, doth not light a candle and seek diligently until she find it? And when she hath found it, call together her friends and neighbors, saying: Rejoice with me, because I have found the groat which I had lost. So I say to you, there shall be joy before the angels of God upon one sinner doing penance."

What are we to learn from all of this?

Besides understanding the sense and the spirit of the parable and the object the Divine Master had in view in telling it, we are to learn to be charitable toward sinners, to be zealous for their conversion, to be anxious in working out our own conversion, if such be our need, and always to thank Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who in His infinite mercy came in search of us when we were in the state of perdition.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, June 24—Gosp. St. Luke xv. 1-10. Third Sunday after Pentecost. — Nativity of St. John Baptist.
Monday, 25—St. William, abbott.
Tuesday, 26—SS. John and Paul, martyrs.
Wednesday, 27 — St. Ladislas, king, confessor.
Thursday, 28—St. Irenaeus, martyr.
Friday, 29—S.. Peter, apostle.
Saturday, 30—St. Paul, apostle.

PAUL BOURGET'S RETURN.

Paris is startled by the announcement that Paul Bourget has re-embraced Catholicism, the faith of his childhood. He announces that he will revise his books and strike out all the anti-religious passages. There is a marked tendency toward Catholicism in its devotional form among French literary men, who are forsakin gmaterialism and atheism for spiritual belief. The movement in France is described as similar to the Faber movement in England some years ago.

PUZZLES

CONDITIONS.

All answers to puzzles and questions must be written on one side of the paper and contain name, age, address and date of the sender.

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No child over fourteen can compete in puzzle contest.

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WILLIAM J. YOUNG,
194 Lewis St.
Age 7 years. Rochester, N. Y.

The above is the solution of last week's puzzle and the name of the winner. For this week we have a fish puzzle. Find the fish and name it. First correct answer will get a prize—letters not to be mailed before Monday.

DO YOU KNOW?

1. What is the mitre?
2. What is the crozier?
3. What does the crozier signify?
4. What is the gremial?
5. What is the vestment or ornament proper to an archbishop?
6. What is the pallium?
7. What other mark of distinction do the archbishops enjoy?
8. What is the distinctive mark of the dignity of the cardinalate?
9. What particular feature have the cassocks of cardinals, bishops and simple prelates?
10. How does the pope dress in private life.

No correct answers were received to "Do You Know" questions.

Answers to Last Week's Puzzles.

1. All those which serve immediately for the holy sacrifice of the altar should be blessed; it is besides a pious and praiseworthy custom to bless all the objects which serve for the divine worship. 2. By the bishop, or at least by a priest who has been expressly commissioned for that purpose. 3. He wears a cassock, a cape and stockings, of purple color, a cincture of the same color ornamented with a tassel of green and gold silk, a black hat with a tassel of the same material as the cincture. The purple garments of the bishop, in certain countries, are trimmed with cuffs, borders and buttons, of red. Cardinal are dressed in the same way as bishops except that the color of their garments is scarlet, and the tassels of the hat and cincture are of gold mixed with red. 4. They are the sandals and the stockings, the pectoral cross, the short tunics, the gloves, the mitre, the crozier, and (if he is an archbishop) the pallium and the large cross. 5. The silk stockings which the bishop wears are of the same shape as those in general use. The sandals are silk slippers ornamented with a cross embroidered with gold. These two things should be of the same color as the vestments of the day. 6. It comes from the fact that the coarse, heavy shoes worn by our forefathers were not fitting or proper for the altar. 7. It is a gold cross which the bishop wears always on his breast. 8. We call by this name the tunic and dalmatic of silk, the vestments of the sub-deacon and deacon, which the bishop wears under the chasuble, retaining somewhat the shape which they used to have in times past. 9. The gloves with which the bishop covers his hands are a mark of dignity. 10. It represents the spiritual alliance of the bishop with the diocese, which he has been called upon to govern.

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