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Sunday, October 21—Gosp. St. John iv.  
40-43.—Twentieth Sun. after Pentecost.  
—Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Monday, 22—St. Melo, bishop, confessor.  
Tuesday, 23—St. John Capistrano, confessor.  
Wednesday, 24—St. Raphael, archbishop.  
Thursday, 25—St. Crispin and Crispian.  
Friday, 26—St. Evaristus, priest, martyr.  
Saturday, 27—St. Procentius, bishop, confessor.

## WARNING TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Our subscribers are again warned not to pay any other person than our regular collectors who are well known to them, and who can show proper credentials. Persons purporting to canvass and collect for a Catholic paper published near Rochester, have called on some of our city subscribers. One lady gave one of these fellows a dollar and requested a receipt for THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL. What was her surprise to find that it was for another paper. She demanded her money back but the fellow only laughed at her and told her that she would receive the paper he was canvassing for, for six months. Such methods to secure business for a Catholic paper are discreditable and should be stopped by the management. It savors too much of the film flax game and will only react on papers that allow it. A word to the wise is sufficient.

## HEROISM OF PRIESTS.

Recent dispatches tell a story of the thrilling siege of four French priests of the Missions Etrangères, who, with their Chinese converts, to a large number, defended themselves in a Manchurian village for close on two months against 1,500 Chinese regulars and 1,200 Boxers. They had all but given up hope of successfully continuing the fight, when relieved by the Russian invading army in Manchuria. The village defended by the priests has only about 1,100 inhabitants. Six hundred cannon balls and 15,000 cartridges were fired into the city, and yet the besieged lost only twenty dead and seventeen wounded, mostly women and children. The village was, however, almost completely destroyed and the church in which the converts were at one time taking retreat was wrecked.

It was learned that the attacking force had 170 killed and 70 wounded. The Christians had only fifty guns amongst them, and these for the most part were Chinese guns.

The Russian force who delivered the brave defenders, was brought by two Sisters of Providence who had never ridden a horse before, but who volunteered to ride to Vladivostok and get relief. One of the four priests was killed in the defense. He was out off with a party of five by the Chinese in one of their rushes and his ammunition gave out. When his last cartridge failed him, he broke a dollar into quarters and used these. Then he took some paper money from his pocket, burned it, broke his gun so that the enemy could not use it, and offered his neck to the foe. The priest, Father Borgeois, was immediately killed.

Judge Ferris of Cincinnati, has introduced an innovation in naturalizing citizens. He proposes to procure an American flag and every male candidate for citizenship will have to kneel and kiss its folds. "I want to make it one of the most impressive acts of their lives. I want them to single down to their knees when they kiss our national flag," says the

## DOMINICAN NUNS AT HAVANA.

We are pleased to know, says the Rosary Magazine, that the Dominican Sisters of the congregation of St. Catherine de Ricci have accepted the invitation of Bishop Sbarretti to open a house in Havana. The congregation has two houses in the United States, one at Albany, the other in Saratoga. The foundation in Havana will be the third. It has the warm approval of Rt. Rev. T. M. A. Burke, Bishop of Albany. This congregation of Dominican life was founded by the preceding Bishop of Albany, Rt. Rev. Francis McNierny, and Mother Maria de Ricci, both of whom died in the early part of 1894.

A few years after its foundation it was affiliated to the entire Dominican body by the late Master General, Most Rev. Father Erococo. The congregation is specially devoted to the work of adoration and of spiritual retreats. Under the latter head are embraced the different works by which women and children are strengthened in the knowledge and practice of the faith. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday and Friday, also on various feasts.

The spirit of the life is that of adoration, reparation, and thanksgiving. The community is specially devoted to prayer for the welfare of America, constantly praying for the more general sanctification of Sundays and holy days, for the preservation of souls exposed to sin, for the lessening of the evils of intemperance, blasphemy, etc. The earliest missionaries of Cuba were Dominicans, and the white-robed priests and nuns, through the traditions of the people, still hold their hearts. For the past two years the Dominican Fathers of St. Francis Park have been laboring in Cienfuegos.

A story comes from Washington, says the Catholic Columbian that through the influence of Mrs. John Sherman, the millions of the feeble ex-Senators are to go to his adopted daughter, Mrs. Mary S. McCattum, and to his Protestant niece, Mrs. General Nelson A. Miles and Mrs. ex-Senator Don Cameron. Because of the same black influence, it is said, none of the old statesman's wealth is to go to the children of Gen. William T. Sherman because they are Catholics. One of these is the Jesuit priest, Rev. Thomas E. Sherman, and the three daughters are Mrs. Minnie Thacker, wife of the U. S. Consul at Havre; Mrs. Rachel Sherman Thorndike and Miss Lizzie Sherman. Well, there are better things than money. One of them is the true Faith. This the Catholic Shermans have. If it stands in the way of John Sherman's affection, why, they will gladly endure the pecuniary loss that their faith has occasioned them in this land of supposed freedom of conscience and religious liberty.

There is lively faith in South Dakota Catholics. Bishop Shanley celebrated mass on Sunday morning, September 16th, in the church at Mandan, and 60 children received their first Holy Communion. The Bishop preached on "The Nature of the Sacrament of Confirmation." Then 70 adults and children were confirmed. In the evening the bishop preached again. During the day a large number of citizens, regardless of creed, called on the bishop at the deanery, and in the evening he was serenaded by the band. On Monday morning the bishop and Dean Collins were driven out to Little Heart. At Letartery's, they were met by a cavalry escort of 24 Catholics carrying the United States and Papal flags. At Miller's schoolhouse, a half mile this side of the church, the whole congregation met the bishop and knelt on bending knees to receive the episcopal blessing. Then occurred the blessing of the new church by the bishop. Seventy-five persons were confirmed.

The London Tablet has the following translation of an article taken from a newspaper published in Malaga: "A sensational and interesting incident which profoundly impressed the public occurred recently in the theater of Atarazanas. The play, El Mississippi, was being presented, when there passed close to the theater the Holy Viaticum. At the solemn sound of the little bell the actors suspended their play and devoutly knelt down, whilst the orchestra played the Royal March.

The Pope is not too old nor too feeble to still be able to know where to find good material for his high offices. He has just promoted another worthy priest of Indianapolis, Rev. Herman Alerding, to a prominent position. As Bishop of Fort Wayne he will undoubtedly be as great a success as he has been as pastor of St. Joseph's church.—Indianapolis Sun.

The Pope, in a recent brief, granted the English Benedictines the privilege of wearing the Oppia Magna.

## FIVE MINUTE SERMON.

SHORT INSTRUCTIONS ON THE GOSPEL BY A REVEREND FATHER.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost.  
"Jesus said to the ruler: Unless you see signs and wonders you believe not." He ruler saith to Him: Lord, come down before that my son die. Jesus saith, Go thy way, thy son liveth. The man believed the word which Jesus said to him, and went his way."—Gospel of the Day.

Today's Gospel speaks of the healing of the son of the ruler of Capernaum. Jesus worked this miracle in the city of Cana in Galilee, where He had converted water into wine. Christ when asked by the ruler to go and cure his son did not mind the inconvenience of such a journey but He knew very well that if He then and at such a distance cured the sick son, He would thereby prove that He was God, Who sees and controls absent things as if they were present, it being sufficient for Him to say: "Go, thy son liveth." The ruler had faith in the words of Jesus Christ and went his way.

When the ruler heard from his servants, who had come in haste to meet their master, that the fever had suddenly left his dying son the day before at the seventh hour,—that is, one hour after midday,—and therefore, at the very same moment when Christ had assured him that his son would live, then he was convinced that Christ was truly the Son of God; that He was almighty, and the Lord of life and death; he believed Him to be the expected Messiah, and he and his whole family sincerely embraced the faith of the Gospel.

Some sacred interpreters recognize in this ruler, who left home to seek Christ, the human mind as a queen in the midst of all things created, which naturally rises above all material things and, leaving far behind what is subject to the senses, goes in search of the truth that comes from heaven. In the ruler's sick son they recognize the human will, weak and wavering in the midst of the seduction of the world; and in the fever they recognize the power of the passions, which corrupt the will and cause it to be almost without life in regard to doing good.

The lesson we should derive is, first, to learn how useful trials and afflictions are to lead us to God, for the ruler and his whole household would perhaps not have believed in Jesus Christ if the son had not been afflicted with that mortal sickness. Secondly, we are to admire the goodness of God in bearing with our imperfections when we pray to Him; and lastly, like that ruler, we are to lead our neighbor, at least by our good example, to the knowledge of God and the faithful observance of His holy law.

## Excursion Rates West.

The Nickle Plate Road is now selling low rate round trip excursion tickets to many points in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Missouri and Arkansas. Tickets good returning until Dec. 31st. The Nickle Plate Road is the short line between Buffalo and Chicago, and the service which consists of three through fast express trains daily in each direction, made up of elegant day coaches, Pullman sleeping cars and Nickle Plate dining cars, is strictly first class and up to date. The meal stations are owned and operated by the company and serve the best of meals at reasonable rates, while the dining cars serve meals on the popular individual club plan, 35 cents to \$1.00. The route of the Nickle Plate Road is along the south shore of beautiful Lake Erie, through the celebrated grape region of Western New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and the natural gas and oil counties of Ohio and Indiana. Many beautiful and thriving cities and towns are reached, among them being Dunkirk, Erie, Painesville, Cleveland, Fostoria and Fort Wayne. The Buffalo station of the Nickle Plate Road is located at Exchange and Michigan streets, and at Chicago the Van Buren street Station is used, close connections being made at Chicago with the fast trains of all western lines.

If your ticket agent cannot give you information desired, call on or address F. J. Moore, Gen'l. Agent, Nickle Plate Road, 291 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

## Low Rate Excursion to New York.

On Saturday, Nov. 3rd, the West Shore Railroad will sell excursion tickets to New York on one single fare, plus one dollar for the round trip; tickets going on regular trains; good returning on or before Thursday, Nov. 8th. A good opportunity to spend election night in New York with the excitement attendant on such occasion. The metropolis is gayest than ever, the theater season is at its height, and the choice of entertainment is varied enough to meet the taste of all classes. The great Automobile Show will be held at Madison Square Garden from Nov. 3rd to 10th, giving excursionists an opportunity to see the latest patterns in this new mode of travel. Call on West Shore ticket agents for tickets and all information.



## Knights of Columbus

By special permission of the Board of Directors exemptions of the fourth degree will be given in New York on November 27, and in Brooklyn on December 10. The impossibility of securing suitable halls on Thanksgiving day made changes of date necessary. Applications for the Brooklyn degree must be presented to the councils by October 31 or they will be too late. A circular of information is being sent to grand knights and chairman of the fourth. The fourth will be exemplified in Binghamton and Albany on November 29.

At a meeting of the National Board of directors at New Haven, a committee of three was appointed, with full power, to provide for the extension of the order beyond the Rocky mountains and to the Pacific coast. The general plan contemplates the preparation of councils in some half dozen places from Denver to San Francisco, and when they are ready for institution, which it is hoped may be in January, a grand excursion of knights from all over the country will go on a special train to institute them. The trip will take about twenty days and many members have already indicated their intention of going. Of course greatly reduced rates can be offered the members on such a trip. As soon as possible the committee will announce the details. A council is now about ready for institution in Denver, Colorado. This is the furthest western extension of the order.

The National Board of Directors passed a resolution deprecating the offering of prizes or other inducements for securing new members in councils as being contrary to the best interests of the order and prohibiting the same. Rochester Council conferred the second degree on 12 candidates Wednesday evening. As this was the first exemplification of this degree under the new ritual, the attendance was large.

The members of the Rochester Council are invited to attend the exemplification of the third degree at Auburn, N. Y., Wednesday, Oct. 24th. D. D. John W. Ward, of New York city, will exemplify the degree. State Deputy S. K. J. W. Hogan and Past State Deputy John J. Delaney will be present.

## Division No. 4, A. O. H.

The county president with M. B. O'Neil of Division No. 2, President P. J. Kelly, Division No. 7 and Patrick Cullen, Division No. 1, as members of his staff, installed the officers of Division No. 4 at their rooms in Frankfort hall, Tuesday evening. The Ladies' Auxiliary of Division 4, was present to see the installation worked from the new ritual. There was also large delegations from the several divisions throughout the county. The ceremonies of installation being over the county delegate, P. Cauley, spoke most earnestly of the duties of the officers to the divisions and the duties of members to the respective officers. The county delegate was followed by outgoing president, Thomas Summers, who pledged his undivided support to the members, officers and constitution of the A. O. H. At this time Captain M. Quilvan and his second lieutenant, C. J. Dollen of the Hibernian Rifles who had an outstanding invitation, arrived and both gentlemen were called on. The lieutenant made an able and instructive speech on the history of the order which was heartily applauded. He was followed by his captain, who by his conservative and mirth-provoking speech, showed that the captain is a boss fun maker and not a slow speech maker. Brother Breen in reply to the visitor gave some sound advice and referred to the Rifle delegation as the "Big fellows." Refreshments was served.

## Division 5, A. O. H.

County president, P. Cauley, assisted by Jno. J. Murphy, president of Division 1, and P. Kelly, past president of Division 7, installed the newly elected officers of Division 5, last Tuesday evening. After the ceremonies the county president addressed the members in a forceful speech on the duties of the officers to the divisions and also of the duty of the members towards the officers. His remarks were listened to with attention and were heartily applauded. Bros. Murphy and Kelly were also called upon and made a few short remarks. Several committees were appointed by the president, J. S. Burns, which will have a tendency to increase the membership. It was the consensus of opinion that with a little effort Div. 5, could again be made one of the banner divisions of Monroe county. After the meeting lunch was served in the spacious rooms below the hall and everyone proceeded to have a good time.

Auxiliary 6, will give a reception on Monday evening at A. O. A. hall, West Main street.

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Auxiliary 6, will hold a pedro party at its rooms in the Durand building on Monday evening, November 5th. Prizes will be awarded the winners. A drawing for an elegant easy chair will also take place on that evening.

## Division 7.

The county president installed the following officers last week: President, J. S. O'Malley; vice-president, John Rogan; recording secretary, James Maguire; financial secretary, W. J. McGrath; treasurer, L. G. McGreal; chairman standing committee, J. B. Coyle. After the installation the entertainment committee provided a social which was thoroughly enjoyed.

## GUESS QUICK.

Only a Short Time Left in the Census Contest.

The Press Publishing Association have notified us that while there is still time to estimate on the census yet, they purpose to enforce the condition that all estimates must be in their possession at least 30 days before the official announcement is made from Washington which may be very soon. It may be four weeks; it may be only two. This is to prevent any fraud or any one from receiving any undue advantage.

Do not delay or it may be too late. Remember it costs you nothing to make an estimate as you get full value for the \$1.00 on subscription account. You stand as good a show as any one of winning one of the one thousand cash prizes that are offered. Read our offer on another page.

## Excursion to Kansas City.

On account of the National Convention of Christian churches, the popular Nickle Plate Road will sell excursion tickets from Buffalo to Kansas City, Mo., and return, at the very low rate of \$26.50, with an additional fee of 50 cents to be paid the joint agent at destination. Tickets are good on all regular trains, going October 10th, 12th and 14th and good returning until October 21st. The service of the Nickle Plate Road is unexcelled, three fast through express trains being run daily in each direction between Buffalo and Chicago. These trains are made up of elegantly upholstered, high-back seat, day coaches, broad vestibuled Pullman sleeping cars, and Nickle Plate dining cars serving individual club meals at rates from 35 cents to \$1.00. At Buffalo the Nickle Plate station is located at Exchange and Michigan streets, while at Chicago the Van Buren street Union Station is used. Close connections are made at Chicago with the fast trains on all lines for Kansas City.

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