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ENCYCLICAL LETTER

OF OUR HOLY FATHER LEO XIII BY
D. DIVINE PROVIDENCE POPE

To the Patriarchs, Primate Archbishops, Bishops and Other Local Ordinaries in Communion With the Apostolic See: Health and Apostolic Benediction.

VENERABLE BRETHREN—Grave economical disputes in more than one country have long been raging; peace and concord are affected; the violence of the disputants grows every day, in so much that the thoughts of the wiser part are laden with doubt and apprehension. These disputes arise in the first instance from widespread philosophical and moral error. The scientific resources belonging to the age, increased facilities of communication, and appliances of all kinds for economizing labor and making it more productive, have resulted in a keener struggle for existence. Through the malefic influence of agitators the gulf between rich and poor has been widened, so that frequent disturbances arise and even great calamities seem impending such as would bring ruin on a country.

For our part Our Pontificate had scarcely begun before we seriously contemplated upon the danger to civil society thus arising. We thought it our duty to warn Catholics openly of the error contained in Socialist opinions, and the utter destruction with which they threatened, not temporal prosperity alone, but morality and religion. Such was the theme of the encyclical Quod Apostolice Muneris, issued by us on December 28th 1878. As the danger grew more serious day by day, entailing public and private misery, we strove with yet more insistence to provide against it. Our letter In rebus novarum of May 15th, 1891, had a similar motive, wherein we spoke at length upon the rights and duties binding together the two classes of capitalists and laborers, and at the same time pointed out the remedies to be derived from the precepts of the Gospel, remedies of especial utility, as we were assured, for maintaining the claims of justice and religion, and for removing all occasion of strife between classes.

Our assurance, under God has not been an idle one. Even non-Catholics, urged by the force of truth, have acknowledged the Church, that She shows herself careful of all classes of the community, and in especial of the poor and miserable. Catholics have derived abundant profit from Our writings. They have not only got from them encouragement and support in carrying out excellent projects, but they have obtained the light they wanted to direct charitable endeavor into safer and more prosperous channels. The result has been that differences of opinion have partly been removed, partly their acerbity has been softened. Practically, in places where poverty was most severely felt, many ameliorations have with a steady purpose been introduced, or, usefully extended, e. g. popular secretariats, as they are called, for giving assistance to the ignorant, country banks for making loans, societies for mutual help or relief associations of laborers, and several other aids whether associative or operative of the kind.

Thus, therefore, under the guidance of the Church, some sort of concerted action and institutional provision has been set up among Catholics for the protection of the lower classes, who are very often as much the victims of dangerous machinations and snares as they are sufferers from hardship and poverty. The creed of the benefactor of the people had originally no name of its own, that of Christian Socialism and its derivatives, which some brought in, has not undeservedly grown obsolete. Afterwards, many wanted, very rightly, to name it Popular Christianity. In some places those who devote themselves to such work are called Christian Socialists; elsewhere it is called Christian Democracy, and its supporters Christian Democrats, as opposed to the Social Democracy, which Socialists uphold. Of these two appellations, certainly that of Christian Socialists, if not also of Christian Democracy, is offensive to many right-minded people. Inasmuch as they think there is a perilous ambiguity attaching to it. They are afraid of the name for several reasons; popular government may be covertly promoted or preferred to other forms of political constitution; the influence of Christianity may seem to be confined to the benefit of the common people, all other ranks being as it were left out in the cold; beneath the specious designation may lurk some design or other of subverting all legitimate authority whatever, both civil and religious.

There is now commonly much dispute, and sometimes over-bitter dispute, on this topic, and we deem it our duty to put an end to the controversy by defining what Catholics ought to think; moreover we intend to give them some indications as to make their own action larger in scope and more beneficial to the Commonwealth.

What Social Democracy means, and what Christian ought to mean, does not surely admit of doubt. The former, more or less extreme, as the case may be, is by many carried to such extravagance of wickedness, as to reckon human satisfaction supreme and acknowledges nothing higher, to pursue bodily goods and those of the natural world, and to make the happiness of man consist in attaining and enjoying them. Hence they would have the supreme power in a State to be in the hands of the common people, in such sort that all distinctions of rank be abolished and every citizen made equal to every other, all might have equal access also to the good things of life; the law of lordship is to be abolished, private fortunes confiscated, and even socialization of the appliances.

Very REV. FRERE JOSEPH PASSES AWAY.
The death is announced of Very Rev. Frere Joseph, superior general of the Christian Brothers, which took place on Saturday at Montebourg, at the age of sixty-one. Frere Joseph enjoyed a position of authority which many Bishops would envy. His subjects, numbering many thousands, formed a cosmopolitan army of school-masters, shaping in the same way the minds of youth of all nations. Frere Joseph was a man of unusual ability and will be a serious loss to his order. Three years ago his full-length portrait was one of the features of the Paris Salon.

FIVE MINUTE SERMON.

SHORT INSTRUCTIONS ON THE GOSPEL BY A REVEREND FATHER.

Gospel—St. Matthew, iv. 1-11.—Jesus is Tempted by the Devil.

Christ by His fast sanctified our fasts, mortifications, and abstinences when we practise them in true spirit of penance. His example renders easy for us those sufferings by which we conquer the rebellion of the flesh. By His fast He instituted and blessed that fast of forty days which the church has afterwards observed as an apostolic tradition.

Satan, taking occasion of Christ's hunger, tempted him to change stones into bread. Christ answered that man lives not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. This answer teaches us to put our confidence in God in all our necessities. He will provide for all our wants. How many anxieties and sins we would avoid if in our troubles we would put our confidence in God! Let us, then, live the life of the just; let us abandon ourselves without reserve to the mercy of our heavenly Father, and remember that a just man has never been forsaken by God.

We should never tempt God. Christ could have come down from the pinnacle of the temple by the ordinary way, and it was tempting God to expect Him to work an unnecessary miracle to preserve Him if He had cast Himself down from that height, as the devil tempted Him to do. Thus also do we tempt God when we ask for miracles in confirmation in our religion, as faith is sufficient for us. We also tempt God when we ask to be cured of sickness by a miracle when we can be cured by proper medicines. We tempt God when we expect Him to preserve us from sin while we place ourselves unnecessarily in the proximate occasion of sin.

We should learn to love and practise mortification and penance, and not to lose courage when strongly tempted. We should repel the suggestions of the devil with the maxims and precepts of the gospel, and look to God for the reward of having suffered and endured for His glory.

THE FORTY HOURS

The official order for the month of February is as follows:—Feb. 24, first Sunday in Lent; Holy Family, Auburn; Scottville, Clyde.

New Books Received.

"Milly Aveling," by Sarah Trainer Smith, Price 85 cents retail. "Little Lives of the Saints for Children," with many full page illustrations. The price is 75 cents retail. "Visits to the Most Holy Sacrament and to the Blessed Virgin Mary," for every day of the Month. Contains method of hearing Mass. Benziger Brothers, New York.

ST. JOSEPH.

Many favors have been granted to devout clients of this great patron, through the intercession of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who during the entire month of March, willingly offer their prayers, and good works, for such as may seek their aid. Send your petitions to Sisters of St. Joseph, Nazareth P. O. Kalamazoo Co., Mich.

VALUABLE ALMANAC FREE.

We have received a copy of the new almanac for 1901 published by the Royal Baking Powder Co. It is an artistic and useful book and will be of interest to housekeepers. A noteworthy feature of the almanac is a prediction of the weather for every day of the year, by Prof. DeVoe, who correctly prophesied the great Galveston cyclone and other important meteorological events. We are authorized to say that any woman reader of this paper can secure a copy without cost by sending a request to the Company, at 100 William St., New York.

The Great West.

If you are contemplating a trip to any point in the West, and your nearest ticket agent cannot give you all information desired, address F. J. Moore, General Agent, Nickel Plate Road, 291 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., for rates, etc. During February, March and April reduced rate tickets will be on sale to many points in the West and North-west, and the Nickel Plate Road is the best and cheapest route to use.

Notice To Subscribers.

Our city collector Mr. Carl Reynolds, will call upon subscribers in arrears next week in the parishes located on the south side of Main Street. Kindly have the money ready for him when he calls.

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SICHELS' MADONNA.

A Copy of This Fifty Thousand Dollar Painting Free to All Subscribers.

Sichel's "Madonna" is his masterpiece, in the treatment of which he combines a simplicity of composition with an energy of characterization that has caused it to be stamped by high art critics as the greatest of all modern Madonnas.

The following tribute has been paid to Sichel by one of Europe's foremost artists, which demonstrates to a slight degree the regard in which this picture is held by the world of art: "Though modern, both in conception and execution, Sichel's Madonna and Child placed on the line with the best of old masters, will stand out like a brilliant gem among so much treasure. It has all the grand qualities that have made the 'Sistine' and 'del Sedia' famous; added to this, his knowledge of the beauty line, coupled with an exceedingly clever composition, which in all produces the grandest Madonna ever conceived by man. While Sichel has for years made a specialty of, and is known chiefly for his charming Oriental pictures, yet in this change of subject he has surprised the art world, not so much by the departure from his favorite line as in the quality of the work—producing a canvas that will ever stand as a monument to his name. The chic and charm of his odalisques pale before the sublime beauty of the Mother, and the Christ Child possesses in the contour of his face, both baby grace and Godliness."

A copy of this masterpiece will be given to all subscribers—new and old—who pay one dollar in advance for their subscription during the year. Subscribers in arrears can also secure a copy by paying up all arrearages and one dollar for the present year.

ITS ANNUAL BALL.

Comus Club and its Friends Enjoyed a Brilliant Social Event.

The annual ball of the Comus Club, the social event of the year in the leading Catholic circles, was held last Monday evening at Powers hall, and attended by about 125 couples, including many out-of-town guests.

None of the preceding balls has been more successful than that of this year, though their fame is well known, and many handsome toilettes were noted among the women present. Dossenbach's orchestra discoursed its finest musical selections, and the conditions for dancing and enjoyment were ideal, as was quickly recognized by those present. A programme of twenty-four dances and six extras was given, carrying the festivities into the small hours of the morning. The entire club acted as floor committee.

Luncheon was served in Powers hotel between the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock. The out-of-town guests were Miss Louise Murphy, Elmira; Miss Gertrude Long, Auburn; Miss Elvleen Burns, Harry Burns, Miss Marjorie Cullen and George Roberts, Buffalo; Miss Washburn, Minneapolis; Walter S. McCarty, Corning; Mr. and Mrs. William Daly, John Daly, Miss May F. Owen, Brockport; B. S. Bourlein, Mt. Morris; Mrs. Moody, Pittsburg, Pa.; Henry Henly, Cleveland; Miss Florence Egan, Lyons, and John Lawler of Boston, a former resident of this city and member of the Comus Club.

DIED IN DENVER, COOL.

James Francis, son of James A. Lee of 92 Edinburg street, died in Denver, Col., aged 21 years. Mr. Lee went to Colorado last June for his health, and was improving rapidly until about a week before his death, when he contracted a heavy cold from which he never recovered. He leaves to mourn his loss a father and one sister, Margaret Lee of this city. His remains arrived in Rochester on Tuesday of this week, and the funeral was held from his late home Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and from the Immaculate Conception church at 10.15, where a mass of requiem was sung for the repose of his soul by Rev. A. M. O'Neil. The bearers were Charles Howe, John Collins, Richard Connors, William Hall, Patrick O'Beirne and Frank McPhadden. Two solos were rendered, "A Message from the Sacred Heart," by John Collins, and as the remains were being borne from the church "The Holy City" was sung by Miss Ella Crego. THE JOURNAL extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

Settlers Excursion Rates.

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WEEKLY ORBITUM CALENDAR.

Sunday, February, 24, 1901.—Gospel, St. Math. iv. 1-11.—St. Mathias, apostle.
Monday, 25.—St. Sebastian, O. S. F.
Tuesday, 26.—St. Alexander, patriarch, confessor.
Wednesday 27.—St. Julian, martyr, fast.
Thursday, 28.—St. Leander, bishop, confessor.
Friday, March 1.—St. David, bishop, confessor, fast.
Saturday, 2.—St. Simplicius, priest, confessor, fast.

THE FAITHFUL ALTAR BOY.

Among St. Mary's altar boys, is missed a well known face—Is missed the one who, of them, held the highest place, The "Master of Ceremonies" is the title that he bore,
But on St. Mary's altar he will be seen no more.

When he attended the parochial school the model lad was he,
Always bright and honest, he from duty never did flee;
And his gentle disposition won him love instead of hate,
Commendation from his rector, praise from all associates.

When he left St. Mary's school, employment he quickly found,
And here, as elsewhere, was a favorite, on whom none did frown,
Trusted by his employer, respected by every one.

His name shone out as brightly as the glorious mid-day sun.

The sorrow of his family no feeble pen can tell,
Nor of the grief and anguish, of those who loved him well,
For the twelfth day of February, to them brought the greatest pain,
When the Wise Creator gave the boy the crown he had gained.

And called him from this world to His heavenly home above,
Now Peter's with the angels, and he sees the God of Love,
And for his friends and relatives, he pleads with Almighty God,
Those left behind, will not forget him, though he sleeps beneath the sod.

M. F. E. L.

A LOVING TRIBUTE.

To the memory of Peter Short, who departed this life Feb. 18th, 1901.

Weep not! fond parent, your dear son is at rest,
With angels and seraphs in the land of the blest,
His home is terrestrial far above this sad world,
Where mortals like us await for the herald.

Weep not! fond parent, your son is at rest, It's God that has taken him, He knows what is best,
Too lovely a flower on earthly ground to bloom,
He's waited for a fairer clime beyond the tomb.

Weep not! fond parent, your dear son is at rest,
With pains and with sickness no longer distressed,
Yet you will shed a tear as you bend o'er his grave,
While the willows, fit emblem, above him shall wave.

But the thought is consoling, the promise is sweet,
That though he is taken, soon again you shall meet,
Then parents and children God's triumph shall sing,
Giving glory and honor to Jesus, our King.

Mrs. M. B.

LIMA.

The blessing of the ashes occurred at 9 o'clock mass on Wednesday morning. The school children led by Sister Henrietta, sang the mass.

A month's mass was offered for Mrs. E. Hogan, on Tuesday morning.

James McGrath has taken his little son Francis, to the Pasteur Institute New York city, to be treated for a bite of a mad dog which ran over his streets for a few days.

A very pleasant pedro party was given in the hall on Tuesday evening, by Bands 4 and 13. Light refreshments were served by the ladies. Margaret Kelly carried off the prize.

Travel is much impeded here on account of the drifted snow. Trains on the Lehigh are very uncertain. The snow has to open the track several times but soon it fills with drifts. We receive irregular mails by the trolley road.

SENECA FALLS.

The sad intelligence of the death of John Gavin was received here Wednesday from Schenectady where he was employed. The remains were taken here Thursday for burial.

The deceased was thirty years of age and unmarried and was well known and highly esteemed by many friends and acquaintances who will be sorry to learn of his death. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Bridget Gavin, one brother, William G. and three sisters, Misses Mary, Hannah V., and Agnes F. Gavin. The funeral was held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's church, a requiem high mass being celebrated by Rev. Father Dwyer. The family have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement. Requesant in pace.

The L. C. B. A. society held a card party Tuesday evening in their rooms.

The Crescent Social Club held a reception and dance Monday evening.

Rev. Father Dwyer was in Rochester attending the Bishop's welcome and reception.

William Muldoon and Michael McGill of Schenectady, attended the funeral of John Gavin, Saturday.

Wednesday being Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, the blessing and distributing of the ashes took place at 8.30 o'clock in St. Patrick's church, high mass immediately following.

The Stations of the Cross will be held Friday evenings at 7.45 in St. Patrick's church.

The marriage of Owen E. Rooney and Miss Emma Spencer was solemnized at the pastoral residence on West Bayard street, Thursday evening. Rev. Father Dwyer officiating. Miss Mary C. Rooney acted as bridesmaid and John F. McGrain as best man.

Mrs. Margaret Kinsey, widow of Patrick Kinsey, died Sunday of paralysis. She was born in Ireland in 1839 and had been a resident of this place since 1877. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. James Crow and Mrs. Michael Flynn. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's church. Rev. M. O. Dwyer officiating.

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