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THOSE PAGAN SCHOOLS.

A stir was caused in Catholic
churches in Omaha Sunday, February
10th, by the publication of Bishop
Scannell's Lenten pastoral, in which
he inveighed against "Godless
schools" and non-sectarian teachings.
He said:

"The Omaha high school supplies a
good illustration. In this institution
there is in use a text book 'A Short
History of Mediaeval Europe.' This
work shows an anti-Catholic bias on
almost every page. The compiler in
treating of the Church has a habit of
so presenting his facts as to lead the
reader to conclusions unfavorable to
the Church and sometimes mistakes
the facts themselves. He dwells with
some emphasis on the shortcomings
of the popes and other ecclesiastics
and has little to say of their good
deeds. Disregarding the relative im-
portance of the facts which he records
he gives a one-sided and distorted
view of the Church.

A text book of this kind may do
much harm to inexperienced youth,
and especially so if placed in the
hands of an incompetent or bigoted
teacher. It may well be asked if
Catholic parents can in conscience
submit the faith of their children to
such strains as this, and if the tax-
payers of Omaha are aware that they
are maintaining in their high school
a theological faculty for the purpose
of passing judgment on the religious
preferences of the pupils."

The month of March is set aside by
Holy Mother Church as a time of
special devotion to St. Joseph, foster
father of Jesus Christ, spouse of Our
Blessed Lady and patron of the uni-
versal Church. At the hour of
death, the time when most we need
help, St. Joseph will not forsake his
clients. His death was beautiful be-
yond compare, expiring as he did in
the arms of Jesus and Mary. Hence
is he invoked as the patron of a hap-
py death, and we ask him to obtain
for us that great boon and that
when we give forth our last sigh we
may be assisted by Jesus, Mary and
Joseph.

We have read much concerning the
great numbers of Catholics who in the
Philippines are deserting Mother
Church for Protestantism, says the
Rosary Magazine. The statement
never wore the color of truth but
seemed like another instance in which
the wish is father to the thought.
The suspicion that there was no founda-
tion for the report is now confirm-
ed. A few days ago a dispatch was
received at San Francisco from Man-
ila, stating that the Evangelical meet-
ing was poorly attended and that the
absence of this attendance must be
attributed solely to the priest who
kept the natives away. It would seem
from this that the poor "priest-
ridden" Philippines are still willing to
be guided by those who stand over
them in Christ's stead.

Some months ago Rev. William
Kinney, a brilliant young priest of the
Diocese of Grand Rapids, Michi-
gan, was preparing to leave for Rome
where he was to receive the degree
of doctor of divinity. Learning that
the parish of Tawas City, was with-
out a pastor, he petitioned the bishop
to appoint him to that charge. The
bishop acceded to the request and he
steadily sacrificed his scholastic honors
to take up his work of the Master.
One night he was called to the hut
of a sick man 25 miles distant from
his residence. He drove there through
a storm of sleet and was drenched
through when he reached his destina-
tion. He labored with the dying man
for some hours, suffering keenly from
the cold. His first call drive. Some
necessary provisions developed
that he was the young priest

passed away at Sante Fe, New Mex-
ico, whither he had been ordered by
his physicians. Two brothers, also
priests, Rev. John Kinney and Rev.
Edward Kinney, were present at the
funeral.

No one will find fault with the es-
tablishment of a better public school
system in Cuba, but Catholics must
condemn the policy of secularizing
the schools. Cuba is a Catholic coun-
try. Those who pay the taxes and
the children who fill the schools are
Catholics. To banish religion from
the schools is to repeat the same
is paralyzing the United States. Some
excuse might be pleaded for doing it
here but none in Cuba. Thinking
men and women, even outside the
Catholic Church, have long since
realized the sure consequences of ir-
religious public schools. The Cubans
should not be made to suffer them.
Give the Cuban children thorough
instruction in their duties to God.
Knowledge that does not lead to
Him is worse than useless—it is per-
nicious.

PRACTICES FOR LENT.

1. Go to the Holy Sacraments as
often as possible, to fulfill the duty
of Easter Communion.
2. Go to them with the greatest possi-
ble fervor, resolving and asking for
grace to amend your life to the ut-
most of your power.
3. Resolve to go henceforth regular-
ly and frequently, that you may grow
in grace and in the favor of God.
4. Spend more time than usual in
prayer, and, if possible, hear the
Mass daily, make a daily visit
to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament,
seeking to convert your heart altogeth-
er to Himself.
5. Give alms to the poor. "If thou
hast much, give abundantly; if thou
hast little, take care even so to be-
stow willingly a little." (Job. iv. 9.)
6. Observe according to your power
and opportunity the rules for self-
denial.

SELF-DENIAL.—The Church sug- gests to us in the Divine office the following matters, in which we should deny ourselves during Lent.

1. Food.—Observe strictly the law
of the Church so modified by the
Lenten Indult; and never permit yourself
any further relaxation not compelled
by necessity without permission.
2. Sleep.—Refrain punctually at a
fixed time, both as an act of penance,
and that you may make your morn-
ing prayer with less hindrance. Re-
tire to rest early and at a fixed time,
according to the advice of St. Francis
de Sales, who said it was an act of
virtue to retire early, that we might
rise early to praise God.
3. Words.—Practice the virtue of sil-
ence as you may have opportunity,
as a penance for our sins of the
tongue, and as a help to recollection
and prayer.
4. Recreation.—Avoid as much as
possible all the amusements and gales-
ties of the world, and all that is un-
becoming a time of sorrow. Do not
seek pleasure, but draw in your
thoughts and consider what it cost
our Divine Lord to redeem you; that
by timely penance you may attain
to eternal glory.
5. Senses.—Maintain during this
time of penance, a stricter guard than
usual over the senses. Sight, hearing,
smelling, taste and touch—all should
be mortified and brought under com-
mand that death may not enter in by
them.—Jesuit Calendar.

CATHOLIC NOTES

There were six Popes in the nine-
teenth century, Pius VII. from 1800 to
1823; Leo XII. from 1823 to 1829;
Pius VIII. from 1829 to 1830; Gregory
XVI. from 1831 to 1846; Pius IX. from
1846 to 1878; Leo XIII., the present
supreme pontiff, elected Feb. 20, 1878.

We learn from the Pilot that Mr.
Patrick Donahue, the veteran founder
and publisher of that journal, is seri-
ously ill at his home in Boston. Mr.
Donahue lacks but a month of ninety
years.

It has cost \$700 to run the Paulists'
Settlement House, New York, since
its inception and 600 of these dollars
were contributed by non-Catholics.

Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, vis-
ited Philadelphia recently in the in-
terest of the Catholic University at
Washington.

Dr. B. F. De Costa will deliver the
St. Patrick night lecture at the
Church of the Transfiguration, Mott
street, New York city.

A commercial night school has been
opened by the Irish Christian Broth-
ers in Rome.

Thirteen priests from the Archdiocese
of Cincinnati will be ordained at
Mount St. Mary's seminary, next
June.

St. James' church of north La
Crosse, Wisconsin, will be solemnly
blessed by Bishop Schwebach, March
3rd.

A notably interesting feature of the
Washington Catholic university lec-
ture course for the winter is the an-
nouncement of five lectures on Gaelic
literature by F. N. Robinson, Ph. D.,
of Harvard.

FIVE MINUTE SERMON.

SHORT INTRODUCTIONS ON THE GOS-
PEL BY A REVEREND FATHER.

Gospel St. Matt. xvii. 1-9.—
Transfiguration of our Lord.

It is generally believed that this
wonderful event spoken of in today's
gospel took place on Mount Tabor,
which is near the town of Nazareth,
in the tribe of Zabulon between the
Mediterranean Sea and the Lake of
Genesareth. From its summit one
can see almost the whole of Palestine:
to the east the River Jordan and the
country beyond; to the south, the
tribes of Isachar and Manasse; to
the west, the Mediterranean Sea; and
to the north, a sweep of land reaching
to the mountains of Lebanon.

Christ wished His transfiguration
to take place on a mountain, and in a
solitary place, to give us to under-
stand that divine favors are reserved
for those who, by their virtues, raise
themselves above all things earthly,
who retire into solitude and flee from
the distractions and cares of the world.
Now St. Peter represents those who
are steadfast in their faith, St. James
those who control their passions, St.
John the chaste and pure. Hence
Jesus selected them to enjoy so great
a privilege in order that we might
hope to receive His special favors if
we are firm in our faith like St. Peter,
if we overcome our passions like St.
James, and if we are pure in mind
and body like St. John.

Christ manifested Himself in His
glory to these apostles for several
reasons. First, by giving them a
manifestation of the glory which was
His own and which was not lost or
diminished but only hidden by the
veil of humanity. He gave them a
visible proof of His divinity. More-
over, He did so to strengthen them
and sustain their faith when they
would later on see Him in humiliation
and suffering. Lastly, He was trans-
figured before them to encourage
them and all future Christians to
suffer voluntarily the trials of the
apostleship and observe the law, by
permitting them to see a glimpse of
that consolation which they will enjoy
in the vision of God, which is the re-
ward of all that love, and obey Him
here on earth.

CATHOLIC TRUTH PAMPHLETS.

The Catholic Truth Society of San
Francisco has just issued a number of
timely and valuable pamphlets. "Life
of St. Patrick" by Rev. Arthur Ryan,
is a delightful sketch of the Apostle
of Ireland and his work. It was origi-
nally published by the English Catho-
lic Truth Society and had an immense
circulation in England and Ireland.
It will be very welcome to the children
of St. Patrick at this season. "The
Catholic Doctrine of Indulgences" by
Right Rev. Bishop Hedley is a very
valuable explanation of a subject
which is little understood by non-
Catholics. The Truth Society has re-
printed it from the January issue of
the Nineteenth Century. It should
find a wide circulation. "The Gospel
Story of the Passion of Our Lord" and
"The Ceremonies of Holy Week Ex-
plained" are opportune. The former
is a continued narrative, in the words
of the Four Gospels, of the entire
Passion. "Triumphs of the Church in
the Nineteenth Century" by Cardinal
Moran of Sydney is a compre-
hensive review of the work and de-
velopment of the Church in the past
century. "Christian Aspect of the
Labor Question" is a valuable paper
on a very important subject. "Father
Rouelle" by Hugh Clifford, Governor
of Borneo, forms a beautiful sketch of
a missionary in China. The Society
has in press short lives of Cardinal
Newman, Wiseman and Manning.

These pamphlets sell for five cents
each and may be had in quantities at
\$2.50 or \$3.00 per hundred copies.
Copies may be ordered from Catholic
Truth Society, room 87, Flood Build-
ing, San Francisco.

ADRESTE FIDELIS.

GENEVA, N. Y., Feb. 24, 1901.

EDITOR OF THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL:

Dear Sir:—Will you kindly inform
me in your next issue of THE JOUR-
NAL who was the author of the Christ-
mas hymn, "Adeste Fidelis," or the
composer of the music. It is to settle
an argument; I used to find it in
the prayer books of our church when
I was in London, Eng., as the "Por-
tuguese Hymn." My opponent claims
it as one of Playell's hymns. If it is
so I am much mistaken, for it was al-
ways called the Portuguese Hymn.
You will kindly oblige a subscriber.
Mrs. J. S.

The author of the hymn is very
much in doubt: some authorities give
Jaques de Benedetti, others Jacotini,
a Franciscan; the time it was written
was in the thirteenth century. We
are of the opinion that the latter au-
thor is the correct one.—[E.]

Settlers' Excursion Rates.

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GUIDE OF THE PILGRIM.

Holy patron, dearest Joseph, from thy glori-
ous throne above,
Guide the weary pilgrim onward, cheer his
path with smiles of love.
Spouse of Mary, we entreat guide us to our
Saviour's feet.

When the way seems dark and dreary, and
life is filled with dark despair,
Guide, O guide our weary footsteps, take us
near thy tender care,
Holy Joseph, we entreat, guide us to our
Saviour's feet.

When our hearts are faint with sorrow, and
cruel wrongs are hard to bear,
Guide our steps to Calvary mountain, let us
see the anguish there,
Holy Joseph, we entreat, guide us to our
Saviour's feet.

And when life's last hour is fading, when
our pilgrimage is o'er,
Guide our souls aloft to heaven, there to
praise thee evermore.
Spouse of Mary, we entreat, guide us to our
Saviour's feet.

Auburn, N. Y. C. C.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR.

Sunday, March 3, 1901.—Gospel, St. Matt.
xvii. 1-9.—St. Cunequin's, emperor.
Monday, 4.—St. Casimir, confessor.
Tuesday, 5.—St. John Joseph of the Cross.
Wednesday, 6.—St. Colette, virgin, fast.
Thursday, 7.—St. Thomas Aquinas, doctor,
confessor.
Friday, March 8.—The Spear and the Nails,
fast.
Saturday, 9.—St. Frances of Rome, widow,
fast.

MRS. MARY LEGLER.

Mary, wife of Adolph Legler, died
at her late residence 91 Charlotte
street, Friday morning, Feb. 22nd,
aged 65 years. Mrs. Legler was born
in Canada, and when a child removed
to this city with her parents and has
lived here ever since. She leaves be-
sides her three children, A. J. Legler
of the Rochester police force, Lawrence
Legler, and Mrs. D. J. Kinney and
three brothers, George, Matthew, and
Joseph Legler and one sister, Mrs. H.
Wisecover of Kansas. Mrs. Legler
was a faithful attendant of St. Joseph's
church for over 40 years. She was
one of the first members of the first
communion class of this church and a
member of the Rosary and Scapular
and Altar societies of Corpus
Christi for the several years. Mrs.
Legler was very charitable and
was never known to turn a poor
person away from her door, no matter
how suspicious an appearance the one
seeking aid might present. She bore
her illness patiently and died fortified
by the last sacraments and with a
peaceful smile upon her gentle face.
The funeral was held at 9 o'clock
Monday morning from St. Joseph's
church. A requiem high mass was
celebrated by the Rev. Father Oert.
The pall bearers were Messrs. Rebert,
Brown, Hart, Long, N. and J. Schmitt.
The floral offerings sent by sympa-
thizing friends were very beautiful.
A wreath from the 3rd precinct police
station; lilies from Bridge works;
violets from Mr. and Mrs. Pond; tulips
from Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, carnations
from Miss Reber and Mrs. S.
Thompson; wreath from H. B. Rey-
nolds; lilies from J. Dunnigan, and
a beautiful pillow from her children.
May she rest in peace.

OUR NEW PREMIUM

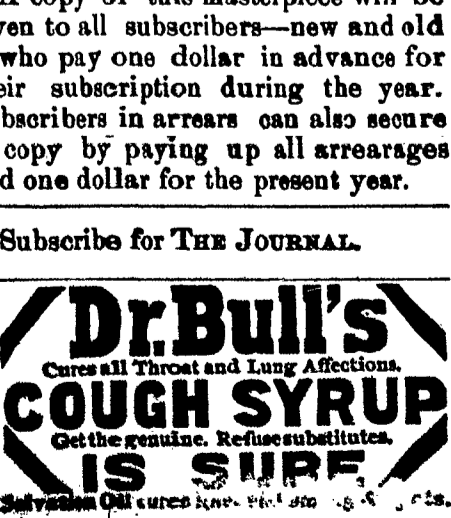
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coupled with an exceedingly clever
composition, which in all produces the
grandest Madonna ever conceived by
man. While Sichel has for years
made a specialty of, and is known
chiefly for his charming Oriental pic-
tures, yet in this change of subject he
has surprised the art world, not so
much by the departure from his favor-
ite line as in the quality of the work—
producing a canvas that will ever
stand as a monument to his name. The
obscure 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."

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In your spring furniture plans, don't overlook the dining room
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The Furniture store has more than a score of new patterns in
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taste. If you will read of them, you'll come and see them.

SIDEBOARDS.

Golden finished, quartered oak sideboards, 22x45 in. top, 16x26
in. French beveled plate mirror, two shaped small drawers and one
linen drawer, cupboard, beneath with carved doors, heavy carved top
piece and carved standards, two small shelves and large upper shelf,
\$20.

Golden finished, quartered oak sideboard, 20x44 in. top, 12x36
in. French beveled plate mirror, two shaped drawers with large cabi-
net beneath, French legs—plain low design, \$25.

Golden finished, quartered oak sideboard, 20x48 in. top, 12x38
in. French beveled plate mirror, two small drawers with cabinet on
either side, linen drawer, heavy grotesquely carved standards with
small shelf attached, carved claw feet, \$33.

Golden finished, quartered oak sideboard, 22x48 in. top, 22x28
in. shaped French bevel mirror with an 8x12 in. shaped mirror on
either side, two small shaped drawers, linen drawer, large cabinet be-
neath with carved doors, two carved standards supporting shelf, \$35.

Golden finished, quartered oak sideboard, 22x48 in. top, 22x42
in. shaped French beveled mirror with round frame, two small shaped
drawers, large linen drawer with serpentine front, cabinet beneath
with carved doors and panel between, posts shaped in French leg effect
with claw feet, small shelf either side of mirror supported by carved
standards—massive, handsome design, \$50.

BUFFETS.

Golden finished, quartered oak buffet, 18x40 in. top, one large
drawer, shelf below, plain back piece, French legs, \$9.

Golden finished, quartered oak buffet 20x40 in. top, two small
shaped drawers, one large drawer, shelf below, moulded legs, \$12.50.

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