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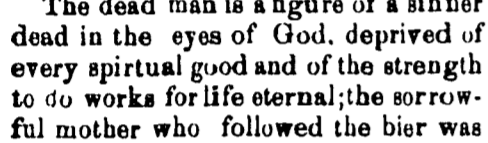
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1902. Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday August 31 - Gospel St. Luke, vii. 11-16 - St. Raymond Sonnatius, confessor.

Monday September 1 - St. Giles, abbot. Tuesday 2 - St. Stephen, king. Wednesday 3 - St. Simeon Stylites. Thursday 4 - St. Ida, widow. St. Rosalie, virgin.

Friday 5 - St. Lawrence Justiniani, bishop and confessor. Saturday 6 - St. Rega, virgin.



THE WIDOW OF NAIM.

The dead man is a figure of a sinner dead in the eyes of God, deprived of every spiritual good and of the strength to do works for life eternal; the sorrowful mother who followed the bier was the figure of the Church, which never loses sight of those of her children whom sin has deprived of life.

By today's Gospel our Divine Master wished to teach us that is a slave of his passions and bad habits, a powerful and special grace is necessary, which almost like a miracle stops the course of the predominant passions, and hinders them from going further.

Let us learn to weep with the Church over the unhappy death of so many of our brethren who are the slaves of sin, and to pray with her that the Divine Mercy may recall them to life.

Anbura, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1902. Dear Sir:—Will you please let me know what the price of a book printed with paper binding of "Through Thorny Paths," the story that is now being run in The Catholic Journal would cost?

BASE BALL. Standing of the Clubs to Friday A. M. Immaculates, Won 10, Lost 3, PerC 898. Corpus Christi, 10, 5, 667. St. Bridgets, 8, 6, 571. Holy Apostles, 8, 7, 538. St. Boniface, 4, 11, 267. St. Mary's, 2, 11, 154.

Scheduled for Next Week. Tuesday, St. Bridget's vs. Immaculate Conception. Wednesday, St. Boniface vs. Holy Apostles. Saturday, St. Mary vs. Corpus Christi.

THE DANGER OF CONTROVERSY.

We have noticed of late, says an exchange, in many secular newspapers throughout the country letters in which Catholics challenge certain bigots to debate in public upon the doctrines of the Catholic Church.

The Ave Maria has noted these facts, and it remarks that in such cases as we speak of the Church needs to be saved from her friends. As our contemporary says, it is better far that our holy faith should be misrepresented by its enemies, than that it should suffer from a bungling defense.

Men of marked ability hesitate to engage in controversy with a bigot or an infidel, but those who are not suited to defend the Church hasten to the fray. They are the fools who rush in where disciplined scholars fear to tread.

There is something, too, in considering the character of those who in site controversy. A certain class of professional defamers, utterly without principle, have but one end in view— notoriety. They are impervious to logic or reason, care nothing for facts and will cite pages of "damaging testimony" never written.

The persons who challenge bigots and infidels to debate should realize the position they thus assume. As self-constituted spokesmen of the Catholic Church, what they say is regarded as a correct exposition of Catholic doctrine.

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, last year, 21,800 children were confirmed. This is an evidence of phenomenal growth. During the same time, "fourteen new parishes were established in the diocese. Twelve new churches were erected where there had been no churches before.

The Fathers of the Holy Ghost have, in Africa, eight vicariates and 62 parishes. These contain 62,298 Catholics. Ninety-nine stations, comprising enormous tracts of territory each, are served by two hundred and thirty-three Fathers of the order, ten black priests, one hundred and sixty-eight white brothers, forty-two black brothers, two hundred and the catechists and two hundred and fifty-six sisters.

It is stated that South Germany's oldest monastery, a Benedictine abbey founded in 735 and confiscated in 1833, has been restored to the Benedictine Order by Baron von Cramer-Klett, a Protestant, and will soon be reoccupied by monks, and that the Baron bought all the lands and remaining buildings of the old abbey for \$90,000.

Mr. Bernard O'Reilly, the Pope's Historian. An Interesting Personage is This Venerable Prelate, Who Wrote the Life of Pope Pius IX. and the Life of the Present Pontiff.

A FINISHED WRITER

MGR. BERNARD O'REILLY, THE POPE'S HISTORIAN.

It was a large, well appointed, sunshiny room on the private corridor of St. Vincent's hospital. Prominently in view is a writing table, on which lies open a ponderous volume bound in an elegant leather, printed in the type of two centuries ago.

Mr. Bernard O'Reilly, made monsignore in token of his literary services to the church and known chiefly as the pope's historian, was born Sept. 29, 1816, in the parish of Island Eddy, near Westport, Ireland.

When Bernard O'Reilly was scarcely more than a baby, he lost this devoted mother, who had implanted in him a positive zeal for learning and, although his father married a second time, the stepmother never interfered with the boy's impulse for religion and patriotism.

Working among these unhappy people, it occurred to Mr. O'Reilly to start a colonization society. His was the original idea, widespread as well that now there are more than ninety parishes in the society the length and breadth of "Hawaii's land."

From the Throne of God. Protecting the innocent, a refuge to the sinner, a guardian angel from the cradle to the portals of eternity, the church with never failing solicitude guides her children till she has given back to the creator the precious charges he entrusted to her.

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Meantime I wrote the 'Life of Pius IX.' and was sent to Ireland by Mr. Dana to inquire into the condition of that most distressed country. While there Pope Leo XIII., hearing of the success of my life of Pope Pius, sent for me and desired I should write his life, which I did, I may say, at the very door of the Vatican, every page being submitted to the holy father.

INDIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL.

Mother Mary Katherine Drexel to Establish It at Cascade, S. D.

Through the munificence of Mother Mary Katherine of the Order of the Blessed Sacrament, who was formerly Miss Mary Katherine Drexel, so dearly leader and heiress in Philadelphia, there is soon to be established at Cascade, a resort ten miles out of Hot Springs, S. D., a school for Indian and negro children that will be larger and more modern than anything of its kind in existence.

Since time immemorial the Indians in Dakota have made pilgrimages to the springs at Cascade. They believed the Great Spirit lived in the tumbling waters and would cure them of all ills. The springs even to white men are known to possess wonderful medicinal properties.

It is this place that Mother Mary Katherine's agents have bought. The Order of the Blessed Sacrament, of which she is the founder and head, has for its object the teaching and uplifting of the red and black races.

Catholics and Toleration. We recently gave some figures from which it was evident that in Ireland the Catholics allow Protestants to occupy a remarkably undue proportion of the remunerative positions within their gift.

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Jeauit Work in Scotland. In 1858 the Jesuits began a mission in the unpromising town of Galashiels, Scotland. For years success seemed impossible, but finally it came abundantly. Now Galashiels has ceased to be a mission, and in a few weeks the Jesuits will hand over the church to their successors and depart for other fields.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST. Jacinto Verdagner, the famous Catalan Catholic poet, died in Barcelona, Spain.

The Passionist fathers have recently completed a new monastery at Carmarthen, Wales.

The new king of Saxony is reputed to be an accomplished musician. As was the late king, he is a Catholic.

The Right Rev. Dr. Gaughren, the newly consecrated bishop of Kimberley, has taken charge of his see in South Africa.

A figure representing a colossal statue of the Sacred Heart in the act of bestowing his blessings has been modeled at Boston for the Catholic university of Washington.

THIRTEEN LEOS.

Wine of Them Lived Before the Norman Conquest.

Thirteen in number have been the Leos that have filled the chair of Peter, and of these several have been popes of eminence. The first of the name early obtained the appellation of 'Great,' leaving less honored titles for those who might succeed. His pontificate in the middle of the fifth century lasted over twenty years, and a fine early printed edition of his "sermons," with a magnificent illuminated initial letter, had but a short reign: Leo III, lived toward the end of the seventh century and had but a short reign: Leo II, in his twenty years rule, had the honor of crowning the greatest of the mediæval Caesars, Charlemagne; the fourth Leo was an exemplary pontiff, if nothing more; the fifth, sixth and seventh were but transient figures early in the tenth century, and the eighth was one of the anti-popes. Leo IX, one of the house of Hapsburg, toward the middle of the eleventh century, illuminated the world with his learning, and was canonized.

Four hundred and sixty years elapse before we come to another Leo, the tenth of the name, Giovanni de Medici, illustrious for his fostering of the renaissance and celebrated in a diuerent manner for his inability to check the Lutheran heresies. Had he been less a patron of letters and a courtier and more of an anchorite the reformation might have been stayed if not actually effected, within the limits of the church itself. Another Medici, though not of the then reigning house of Tuscany, occupied the holy seat for a few weeks in 1605 as Leo XI. Again a gap—of more than 200 years—before we arrive to Leo XII, elected during the thirty years' peace, when Europe was slumbering between the Napoleonic wars and the days of '48.

"Green Ray"

The "green ray," an optical phenomenon which has been made the foundation of a story by Jules Verne, is a flash of greenish light seen as the sun rises or sets under certain conditions of the atmosphere. The sea horizon is good for observing it, but the effect occasionally seen in the Alps or other mountains, and, according to Plot Bey, in a paper to the Academie des Sciences, Paris, it is often to be observed in Egypt, from the point of the delta to Alexandria or Suez, either at rise or set of sun. The ray is distinctly visible, and always of an emerald green, which is brighter as a rule at sunrise than sunset. At sunset, when the eye can follow the effect better, the ray sometimes appears longer and ultimately takes a blue tinge. This blue ray has also been observed preceding the green ray at sunrise, for example by Mr. William Goff, near the ruins of Memphis, not far from the stepped pyramid of Sagarrah. He even thinks the ancient Egyptians were familiar with it, because in monuments of the fifth dynasty and others the sign "Kha," representing the rising sun, has the outer streak of a blue color and the two inner streaks are green. Their writings also speak of the greenness of the sun on rising, and they liken it to an emerald. It is evident from all this that the "green ray" is an objective, not a subjective, phenomenon, and that the horizon of the sea has nothing to do with it. Nevertheless, the state of the atmosphere evidently has to do with it, and that of Egypt, ordinarily pure, seems to have much for the ray is seldom seen elsewhere on land.—New York Times.

Who Little Jack Horner Was.

A good many people can repeat a certain poem about Jack Horner, but very few can tell who he really was. Jack Horner of the Christmas pie really existed, though whether he deserved the famous title of "good boy" is exceedingly doubtful, says an exchange.

When Henry VIII. suppressed the monasteries, and drove the monks from their nests, the title deeds of the Abbey of Melis were demanded by the commissioners. The Abbot of Glastonbury determined that he would send them to London, and as the documents were very valuable, and the road infested with thieves, it was difficult to get them to the metropolis safely.

But the journey was long, and the day cold, and the boy was hungry, and the pie was tempting, and the chances of detection was small. So the boy broke off a piece of the pie and beheld a parchment within. He pulled it forth, innocently enough, wondering how it could have found its way there, tied up in pastry. He arrived in town and the parcel was delivered, but the title deeds of Melis Abbey were missing. The fact was that Jack had them in his pocket. These were the juiciest plums in the pie. Great was the rage of the commissioners, and heavy the vengeance they dealt out to the monks. But Master Jack Horner kept his secret, and when peaceful times were restored he claimed the estates, and reposed them.

Hewitt—"The watched pot never boils." Jewitt—"Well, I've watched a jackpot that had me boiling."—Town Topics.

Railroad Notes.

West Shore Railroad, Sunday excursion, August 31st, will sell excursion tickets to Buffalo and Niagara Falls at the low rate of \$1.25, tickets good going and returning on regular trains. See West Shore ticket agents for ticket and all information.

Lab'r Day Races. Excursion rates via New York Central. Buffalo Racing Association will have a great attraction for Labor Day at the New Kenilworth course, Buffalo. A special programme has been prepared and the best horses at the track are certain to be starters. The hurdle race is certain to be an attraction. The New York Central will run excursions to Buffalo on Labor Day and none should miss the races. Rate from Rochester \$1.25.

On account of the Floral Fete to be held at Saratoga Sept. 1st to 4th the New York Central and West Shore roads will sell excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip, \$5.05 from Rochester, tickets good returning until September 5th inclusive.

The New York Central will run one of their popular \$2.00 excursions to Thousand Islands next Monday, Labor Day, and which includes a fifty mile tour of the Islands by special steamer.

The New York Central will sell excursion tickets to Buffalo Saturday at rate of \$1.25 round trip. This is the Buffalo Racing Association Derby Day and an afternoon of good racing is promised.

The New York Central will sell excursion tickets to Batavia and return Thursday, Sept. 4th at rate of 75c. round trip on account of Batavia's Centennial celebration.

On Monday, Labor Day, the New York Central will sell excursion tickets from all stations to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, also to Rochester, Ontario Beach and Manitou Beach.

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