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THE GREAT "I AM."

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Lima, N. Y. is the throes of an educational impasse. Owing to the ruling of Superintendent Skinner on the exclusion from teaching of persons wearing religious garb, Mr. Hendrick, the trustee, is unable to open the public schools, which have served the purpose of the district for the last 30 years.

When Christ rebuked the man, saying: "Unless you see signs and wonders you believe not." He did this to show the ruler the imperfection of his faith, for if he really believed that Christ was true God he would have known that a simple act of His all-powerful will was sufficient to cure his dying son, and that it was not necessary for the sick son to be present in person.

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.

Efforts of an energetic character are now being made both in Ireland and this country to stem the tide of Irish emigration. One prominent Irish-American, J. E. Sullivan is now in the old country giving to all and sundry the benefit of his views on the question. He is one of the many men who is convinced that in exchanging their own land for America, or any other, Irishmen make a bargain of irreparable value.

alone and stay at home. Not by dollars alone does a man live.

The Right Rev. D. J. Dougherty new bishop of Uvea Segovia, in the Philippines, arrived in Manila on Tuesday, Oct. 6, and had a most hearty reception at the hands of prominent Americans and the Catholic societies, as well as the general public. The bishop will remain in Manila for some days, and will there be introduced to members of the Philippine Commission.

Writing in condemnation of the public school system to the New York Sun, the Rev. Dr. W. Montague Geer, says: "Unless our affairs take a turn for the better, we will be flying as frightened doves to the windows of the Catholic church." Well, doctor, you might fly farther and fare worse. But will the public school system do even that much good for you?

The women that the French premier would drive out of France—the nuns—are the only ones to come to the rescue in the present outbreak of the plague at Marseilles. Eighteen nuns at the request of the bishop of the city, volunteered to take the places of the panic-stricken nurses. The bishop himself is one of those "dangerous" men whose salary the present unyielding French government deems it advisable to confiscate. How does it like this heaping up of coal of fire on its head?

Five Minute Sermon

Healing of the Son of the Ruler of Capharnaum.

Jesus worked this miracle in the city of Cana in Galilee, where He had converted water into wine. The ruler was from Capharnaum, which is situated at the northwestern side of the Lake of Genesareth, many miles distant from Cana. Capharnaum was a city loved by the Divine Teacher, and one which He had made famous by many miracles.

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Forty Hours Devotion. The Forty Hours Devotion will be held in the following churches next week: October 18—Lima; Farmersville; Phelps; Oswego; St. Boniface, Rochester.

Weekly Church Calendar. Sunday October 18—Gospel, St. John iv: 46-53—Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Monday 19—St. Peter of Alcantara, confessor. Tuesday 20—St. John Cantius, confessor. Wednesday 21—St. Ursula & Comp. virgin and martyrs. Thursday 22—St. Severus, bishop. Friday 23—St. Theodoret, martyr. Saturday 24—St. Raphael, Archangel.

Knights of Columbus. Rochester Council conferred the first degree on 20 candidates last Friday evening.

C. R. & B. A. Mrs. W. Makney and Mr. Cass received first prizes at the card party of Council 23, O. R. B. A. Wednesday evening. Booby awards going to Mrs. T. Mitchell and Edward McMenomey.

An attractive bill of vaudeville acts is announced for next week at the Cook Opera House. McMahon's Watermelon Girls will present a striking singing and dancing novelty. The Montrose troupe are acrobats. Gillette dogs give an elaborate performance. They impersonate human actors and are said to show wonderful intelligence. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher present their character sketch "The Half-way House." Joe Flynn, Sailor and Barbetto, St. Stebbins and another act not yet announced, will fill out the bill, which will be presented all next week with a matinee every day.

TRAITS OF THE POPE

PIUS X. EMINENTLY FITTED FOR HIS EXALTED POSITION.

His Holiness Combines Great Intellectual Power With Rare Prudence and Exquisite Charity — The Supreme Pontiff and Church Music.

The whole world regretted Leo XIII. Never in modern times has the death of a sovereign pontiff caused such a sensation all over the world. Foes he seems to have had none; admirers by the million inside and outside the fold. It was thought that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to replace him worthily. But lo! The Holy Ghost, true to his abiding direction in the church, put into the minds of the electors the name of Joseph Cardinal Sarto.

And Pius X., says the Church Bulletin, has taken the world by storm. He seems to be an ideal pope. Apparently he unites in himself all the requisite qualities for this unique and exalted position. He combines great intellectual power with rare prudence and exquisite charity. He is not a diplomatist by training, but his natural tact will supply the lack. Though perfectly dignified in his bearing, he is thoroughly democratic in his feeling. He cares nothing for the pomp and majesty that hedge the throne. Of the people, his sympathy is with them. His generosity to the needy would, to the worldly wise, smack of prodigality. And it is said that he would pledge his episcopal ring to procure money for an urgent case of a destitute person. Rising by slow degrees from the ranks of the clergy, he has a practical knowledge of the duties of a priest, vicar general, bishop and patriarch. In every degree he shows by the virtues becoming his state. He is not a poet, like his illustrious predecessor, but he is a musician, and in his reign church music will probably receive a new impulse.

His holiness is an ardent believer in the reform of music in the liturgy of the church, though it is not true to say that he advocates a return to the severe simplicity of the Gregorian chant. The question is one that has divided the authorities of the church for hundreds of years. But a letter of the pope, which he published as Cardinal Sarto in 1887, shows that his views are not of an extreme order. The Gregorian chant represents for him the highest and most fitting style of music for the church. His dictum, however, is that "church music ought to possess three qualities: holiness, artistic dignity and universality." Hence in addition to the Gregorian chant he accepts the classic polyphony of Palestrina and his school. Music of a theatrical kind, which has no other aim than to please the senses, is condemned, and to those who think by such means to attract men to church the cardinal replies that "the public is much more serious and more pious than is generally supposed." He further observes that "the liturgy must not be made to appear a secondary matter, the handmaiden of music. The latter ought to be the humble servant of the liturgy." With all of which enlightened and cultivated Christians of all denominations will probably agree.

The successor of Leo XIII. has already given evidence of his sincere admiration for the great republic of the west. He was aware before his elevation to the sovereign pontificate of the splendid work being done in the church in the United States. He was particularly interested in the scope and action of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and when patriarch of Venice saw that conferences were established wherever they were needed to minister to the needy under his care. His reign has begun most auspiciously, and it is the wish of all that it may last the years of Peter. According to the prophecy of St. Malachi, he is "ignis ardens." Is it not that fire which Christ said that he came to cast upon the earth, the fire of divine love? May he be the one to kindle that fire in the hearts of men grown cold and indifferent and cause it to burn more brightly in the hearts of those who already are inflamed with the love of God!

Physically Pius X. is like the image one would like to have of such a pope as he is likely to be. He is tall, stately, handsome in face as well as in figure. The forehead is high, the mouth beautifully chiseled, with well knit and well closed lips, showing a certain soft invincibility, to use the Carlylean phrase, which is a combination of sweetness and obstinacy; the cheeks have a good color, so that in spite of his white locks and his sixty-eight years he still looks comparatively young; his step is dignified, and long training in the rich ritual and magnificent and ordered ceremonies of his church have made it easy for him to look regal on solemn and magnificent occasions.

The Way of the Cross. "Via crucis via lucis"—"The way of the cross is the way of light." As we overcome the passions we give the intellect light, and he who hung upon the cross was the "light of the world," and he that follows him walketh not in darkness. Up the cold, snowy, rugged path of purity must you climb if you would ascend the mountain where the soul may commune with God. There is no other way for lost innocence to regain lost truth.

The Catholic Religion. The Catholic church is the only historical religion that can conceivably adapt itself to the wants of the present day without virtually ceasing to be itself. It is the only religion that can keep its identity without losing its life and keep its life without losing its identity; that can enlarge its teachings without changing them; that can be always the same and yet be always developing.

CURLY—QUINLAN.

The marriage of Miss Catherine M. Curley and James V. Quinlan was solemnized on Oct. 7th at St. Mary's church by Rev. A. Quinlan, brother of the groom. He was assisted by Fathers Gleason and Rawlinson. The arrival of the bridal party was announced by the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Maddin. The bride was beautiful as she entered the church on the arm of her father in a gown of pearl grey crepe de chene over silk with ornaments of cut steel and a picture hat to match. They were preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Madge Wynn, who wore a charming gown of cream colored mire cloth and silk cluny lace, with a black picture hat. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. William Quinlan. The sanctuary presented a pretty appearance and the scene was most impressive when there midst waving palms and flowers rare and candles all agleam, the solemn words were spoken which united the young couple. After the marriage ceremony the nuptial mass, when they left midst showers of rice and best wishes of their many friends. After the wedding breakfast served by Mrs. Myers, the happy couple left on an extended trip through the east.

The merry dancing sunbeams looked for something nice to do. One bright October morning, when autumn leaves were every hue. And having made a resolution to do something very good, stole in and kissed a bride. When in quietly grace she stood. Before God's holy altar to receive a bridal crown. When joined in holy wedlock. With the angels looking down. And God heard the pledged vows. Of heart that beat for heart. When each promised to be faithful. Until death would them part.

JOHN W. OSBORN. Now that both parties have made their nominations for the school board and John W. Osborn has been placed before the people it may not be out of place to briefly review his public life for the last thirty-three years as a teacher. During that time he has been before the people and has made a record as a public educator that stands out as clearly as the sun at midday. It is a good plan to apply the same business methods to placing a man in charge of the education of our children as we would were we to place a man in charge of a business; we would first ask if he was familiar with every detail, competent to direct the various departments and finally if he was a man of integrity and good judgment. Such a man is John W. Osborn. A practical educator, a man of education and principal and above all a man who is not full of fads and does not believe in paper doll cutting and mud pie scollaps in our public schools.

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