

Work on route for the St. Louis Exposition cannot be accurately predicted at this moment, but it is confidently expected by our modest native press within the next few months.

The late pontiff spent the watches of the night in composing Latin odes; the present one would appear to be passing the time thinking how he can promote the circulation of American newspapers.

As far as we are concerned, if it seem good to Pope Pius X to reverse the whole order of things as existing during the two last pontificates, in the matter of the church's temporalities, if with all due safeguards as to his freedom of action within the Eternal city he sees fit to come forward and acknowledge the "benefits of an undivided Italy,"—if in fine he choose to bring the Papacy more "into line with modern progress and institutions," he is the best judge, and the sole master of the situation.

It may not be a case of the learning of Leo, but the common sense of Pius. Before today Popes have shown themselves capable of originality and it has not yet been defined as an article of our faith that the quality has gone out.

Catholics Read the Bible. To those who charge the Catholic church with no love or use for the Bible, the first encyclical of Pope Pius X should prove particularly instructive reading.

Every weighty utterance of the Pontiff is supported and illuminated by some quotation from the sacred scriptures. Nearly every fourth sentence is an excerpt from scripture—or, to be quite precise, the august author of the encyclical puts it under contribution no less than forty six times.

This it must be admitted is a curious way of showing fear of the sacred writings. When patriarch of Venice, Cardinal Sarto interested himself actively in the operations of the Society of St. Gerolamo, the object of which was to promote the study of the scriptures, and to scatter broadcast in Italy, cheap editions of the New Testament.

In his own diocese he caused over 1,000 copies to be given away, and did what he could to extend the society's good work to other dioceses and with gratifying results, for the priests took up the movement zealously.

Under this Pope it seems probable that a great stimulus will be given to reading of the Bible throughout the world. As, happily for us, it is not our only "Rule of Faith," we do not lean on it in the same helpless way as do those who accept it as such, still the church is the depository of the bible, and with her alone lies the interpretation of its inspired language.

We read the bible with the church as commentator. We are satisfied that Christ founded His church before the New Testament was thought of; we are equally satisfied that without the Catholic church there would have been precious little either new or old testament to be read today.

She is responsible for the collecting and preserving of the component parts, the acceptance of the authentic and the rejection of the spurious. The Monks of the "dark ages" saw to it that each parish church was furnished with a copy of the bible, which was chained to a stand for safety, and open to all who could or cared to read. The best possible under the circumstances was done to disseminate knowledge of the sacred writings.

When printing came into vogue in the 16th century the "Reformers" were among the first to utilize it to spread the bible translated into the vernaculars of various countries, pompously claiming that they were the first to put the book into the hands of the people. What they would have been able to effect in this way without the new invention of printing, they discreetly keep in the background.

They introduced it quite as a timely present from heaven, out, bound and gilt-edged. It was the gift of the Lord, and it occurred to few to ask by whom and through what channels the Lord had sent it. Where they could, the "Reformers" ousted the church, putting their bible in her place.

And with what result? Well, to quote the latest, John Alexander Davis, of Zion City, Illinois, has come to the conclusion, having read the scriptures, without the divinely appointed interpreter, that he is "Elijah." This you will say is a ridiculous claim, but it is not a bit

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credit to the city as City Sealer, being appointed by the Council in 1897. Two years ago he was elected a member of the council and he has since labored faithfully for the ward in the council. Only at the last council meeting he proposed ordinance, offering for sale a franchise for the street railroad on Joseph Avenue, after working energetically to induce the Rochester Railway Company to extend its tracks in that street to the city line. A short time ago he insisted that a special garbage collection should be given the seventeenth ward and through his energy and influence an inspector with a special wagon was sent through the ward cleaning up the garbage. In numerous other ways he has always shown a zeal on behalf of his constituents that make him invaluable to them in the council. Mr. Ribstein is a member of Branch 58, C. M. B. A., St. Fidelis and St. Jacob's Societies of Holy Redeemer parish, also the Foresters, Red Men and a number of other societies.

Ten Dollar Excursion to New England Points by West Shore Road. The West Shore Railroad will run their annual fall excursion to Boston, Springfield, Greenfield, Gardner, Fitchburg and Ayer, Mass., on Thursday, Nov. 12th and on which occasion round trip tickets with return limit of ten days will be sold at rate of \$10. Tickets will be available on fast trains leaving Rochester at 6:03 and 10:57 a.m. and 9:21 p.m. and will be good returning leaving any one of the places mentioned on or before Sunday Nov. 22nd. Call at the Journal office and see our latest styles in wedding invitation