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Biblical Commission.

Pope Pius X has given evidence that he like his predecessor, the lament. ed Leo XIII, wishes the sacred scriptures to be studied.

In a recent letter the Holy Father, after referring to Leo's work on these lines, declares as follows:

Wherefore, praying that it may be a good and wholesome measure and redound to the welfare of Catholicity, We do, by Our Apostolic authority, institute the academic degrees of Licentiate and D.ctor in the faculty of Sacred Scripture to be conferred by the Biblical Commission according to the laws hereunder written:

I. Nobody shall be advanced to the academical degrees on Sacred Scripfure who is not a priest, either secular or regular, and who has not moreover obtained the Doctorate in Sacred Theolugy in some university or insti tute approved by the Apostolic See.

II. Candidates for the degree of Doctor or Licentiate are to undergo an examination, both oral and written, and the matter for this examination is to be fixed by the Biblical Commission

III. It will be for the Commission to appoint the judges for determining the knowledge of the candidates, and these judges are to be at least five in

It is the fashion fot our non-Catho-

Catholic country and to point to the French government's expulsion of the neligious orders as a object lesson of

with the terrible monks and nuns. Catholics know that France cannot

be classed a Catholic country in the sense that its government is Catholic. The administration is now in the hands of the devotees of the secret society fetish and these hate the Catholic

church because she has dared to expose the machinations of these secret societies to elimenate religion in France and to install unbelief in its stead.

"But" it is argued the majority of the voters in France are Catholic. Then why do they not turn out the secret society bigots and install staunch Catholics in their places?

Judging from an extract from a recent issue of a French paper the French

politicians have borrowed a leaf out of the political book of the Tweeds and the Dame Martins. A correspondent of the London he plans to invite her to lunch after- and announce peace to us. "Tablet" states that the following ward. Lunch means a bottle of wine in the "LeBien Public de Gand" un- and it is not long before a taste for liquor is developed which lasts a life-

der the caption"The Dead Who Vate" "During the elections at Orleans, in | time.

order to assure themselves of an easy This is not all. It is not considered 'smart'' to give a luncheon or a tea majority, the gentlemen of the bloc (the Goverment party) conceived the without the accompaniment of winefunereal ides of causing themselves to too often it is liquor - of some sort. be elected by the votes of defunct High balls, gin fizzes, sherry flips, electors. This idea, though brilliant, cocktails are called for glibly by young appeared to certain persons as a little women, who would sneer if their washfar fetched, and a courageous citizen, erwoman were to sit down to a pitcher one M. Lorillard, desired to rid the of ale. Yes, these same young scions

urns of this 'Dance of Death' conting. of the smart set would be horrified if ent. The names of half a hundred their fathers or mothers were to drink persons who had departed this life a glass of beer in their own homes. ppeared on the electoral lists: M. Lorillard procured the certificates of their daughters to roam around un-Death of this mortuary phalanx and | attended and also for allowing them to armed with them presented himself be- go to lunch with young men escorts. fore the justices respectfully praying "American freedom of action" is all them to lay the ghosts. In the face very pretty in theory but in practice

of such astonishing audacity the bloc | the English custom of keeping a strict trembled with rage, and M. Rabier, who | check upon the daughters is better. saw himself threatened with the dis-

appearance of his phantom army drinking may be asked. That is bad, corps, immediately took the train to very bad, but drinking boys cannot be Orleans and in open court stigmatized mentioned in the same breath with the action of M. Lorillard as une sale drinking girls or women. When wobesogne. After this sentence of the men drink as men they put themselves eminent orator the duty of the magie- on a plane with drinking men and trates was sufficiently indicated. Of when we los) respect for woman and the fifty defunct electors only four | womankind we have lost what is best were permitted to return to the tomb; and purest in human economy. the rest remain at the disposal of the If women wish to win drinking men bloc to assist in overcoming the 'in- | from their cups, they must cease serv famous reactiontaries.' ing and imbibing liquors at their

Signs of the Times.

Region Why Perhaps. Every few days the secular press contains some peculiar story which lic friends to hold France up as a may be said to be 'signs of the times." The other day the New York papers printed a harrowing tale of a woman who moved in the best society so-callhow even Catholics cannot put up ed who was said to be happily married

who had been committed to jail in a neighboring county as a habitual drunkard.

It was stated that the woman's husband had done everything to cure her of the awful appetite for liquor among those who wished to cast Him but that all efforts had failed. She would brace up for a few days or weeks but sooner or later she would relapse into her old ways.

According to the New York papers power of Christ, true God and true this woman began her drinking career man. by going out to lunches after the theatre and there taking a glass or two are closed tothings of the world Jesus of wine. will enter into our souls and say:

Mothers are to blame for allowing

Why don't you talk about the boy's

Pertinent Comment.

President Schurmann of Cornell,

Whereupon a contemporary com-

suppression (in France) of religious

liberty, and the Philippine Islands re-

The president of St. John's college

friend: "As Father Massi became a

Jesuit without ceremony, he will also

without ceremony commemorate the

fiftieth anniversary of his admission

to the society of Jesus. No invitations

have been issued for the occasion, nor

mark the event. Oa the morning of March 25, after the completion of his

When the secular 'yellows' can find

luncheons and teas

To speak plainly, there is far too ["Peace be to you." Let us, then, close

our eyes in order not to see the vanimuch drinking among women than ties of the world, our ears not to hear there should be. A young man hardly them spoken of, and our lips in order darcs nowadays to ask a young lady not to speak useless and evil words, to accompany him to the theatre unless and Jesus will come into our hearts

Weekly Church Calendar.

It is fashionable nowadays to talk

of the "half civilized Russians." But

we do not recall of reading about even

Five Minute Sermon

Jesus Appears to His Disciples.

We must know, says St. Augustine

that God can do many things which

we cannot understand. As Jesus while

yet mortal could walk on the water

without being seen or touched to pass

from the precipice and to stone Him

surrection He could pass through

closed doors and enter the room with-

out difficulty. All is explained by the

one lynching in Russia.

Sunday April 10-Gospel, St. John, xx 19-31-St. Macarius, bishop. Monday 11-St. Leo the Great, pope doctor and confessor. Tuesday 12-St. Julius, pope and confessor Wednesday 18-St. Hermenegild, martyr. Thursday 14-St. Tiburtius & Comp. martyr. Friday 15-St. Peter Gonzales, confessor. Saturday 16-Bl. Ben. Joseph Labre, confessor

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be good for thirty days from the close of the fair, 'to anyone ex-

It is but just to a firm who have made such a liberal offer to



number and consulters of the Commission. The Commission may, however, in the case of the licentiate, delegate the verdict to other suitable men.

IV. Candidates for the degree of Licentiate in Sacred Scriptures may be admitted to examination immediately they have obtained the doctorate in Sacred Theology; but candidates for the doctorate shall not be admitted until a year after obtaining the degree of Licentiate.

for the Doctorate in Sacred Scripture | France. The world has seen and read there will be this special condition, how the military power has been emthat each candidate shall expound a ployed to break up the schools mainwritten thesis, selected by himself and tained by these religious orders, notapproved by the Biblical Commission withstanding the manifested desire of and shall afterward read the same de- the people to retain their time honorfend it from the attacks of adversaries ed instructors. in a legitmate meeting to be held in Rome.

This We do will, decree and deter. from the monasteries and convents mine, aught to the contrary notwith | and their property confiscated to the stand. It only remains now that Our state. venerable brothers, the Bishops and the and let them consider those who possess these degrees as specially qualified for the office of teaching Scripture in the seminaries.

Speaking of the Rev. Dr. Charles H Parkhurst, the New York "Times" says: "It is a pity that his own pro- they had been taught from infancy. fession, noble and true as the great body of its members are-cannot discipline, repress or cast out one who so -pitifully discredits it."

No mortgage tax this year, is the message which comes from Albany. The legislature's record this year is practically nil.

One may not always agree with President Schurmann of Cornell, but he is not far astray when he says that There are too many Americans whose fathers died to free the black race who now amout that no one but the white men is capable of self governmen'." | this year. We wonder why.

France's Crowning Shame.

Infidelity is rampant in France's official circles these days. Premier

Combes has announced his intention recently wrote: "In the modern world. V.In the examination of candidates of driving the religious orders out of Ruesia stands for force. England. France and the United States are illustrations of the power of ideas." ments: "As for example the South African war with its British concentration camps in which Boer-women and children were done to death; the

Not only were the schools closed but the monks and nuns were driven

cord, watercure included." in Fordham writes to a newspaper

Not satisfied with driving out the other prelates, each for the advantage | teaching orders the godless premier of his own diocese, may look for that has rushed through the French legis fruit from these. Our decrees, which lature a measure empowering the gov-We hope will be abundant. To this ernment to suppress the cloistered end let them encourage and aid in the orders. They are not to be permitted attainment of degrees in this faculty, | to enroll novices; their institutions are those among their clergy whom they to be closed up; their property is to be see to be endowed with a special taste confiscated and they are to be exiled and aptitude for special biblical studies to find shelter where best they can.

To read the way these monks and Massi will simply say low mass before nuns are to be treated one would the students in Fordham College imagine they were criminals of the chapel." basest type instead of humble follow.

ers of Christ seeking only to be allowed to worship their God in the way nothing else to write about nowadays they manufacture a yarn about Pope Nothing more barbarous or inhu-Pius X's health or the possible danman could be read in the annals of ger of anarchists in the Vatican and pagan and heathen peoples and to retail these to their unsuspecting think that it is to occur in a sisteri readers as "news". republic, not a benighted despotism.

It is high time for French Catholics

Pertinently remarks a exchange: be they monarchists or republicans in 'If St. Patrick was a Protestant he made a bad job of his mission in Iretheir ideas of political economy, to get together, stand together and strike a land. Who, either now, or at any time, blow for their rights. would ever think of Ireland in con-

Better give up the support grudg. nection with Protestantism or of the average Irishman as anything but a ingly given by state to church than to Catholic?" submit to the exactions of the bigoted secret societies.

"Progressive polygamy" is what Rev. Dr. McKim of Washington, calls Even Unitarians observed Easter the "society divorces."

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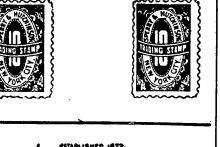
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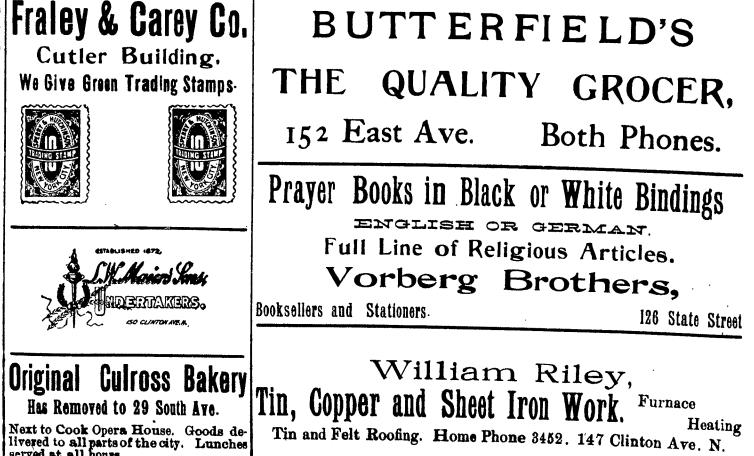
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