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Drifting Toward Rome.
In the last few years the Anglican community known as the "Cowley Fathers" has given many converts to the true church. Father Luke Rivington, who was noted as one of the most indefatigable of London Catholic priests, began life a member of the order. The Rev. Basil Mathurin, who has become famous as one of the most gifted preachers in the Catholic church in England, was once a Cowley Father.

At the ordination in Saint John's, Lateran in Rome, a few weeks ago, the Rev. E. R. Grimes, another "Cowley Father," was taken into the Catholic church. Along with him were the Rev. Hugh Benson, son of the late Anglican archbishop of Canterbury; the Rev. Mr. Evans, once the "High Church" vicar of Shorehith, England; the Rev. C. F. Norgate, another Episcopal vicar; the Rev. W. W. Hume, once curate to the aforesaid Mr. Evans, and several others equally well known in Anglican circles.

It looks as though another "Hegira to Rome" had started in England. God grant that many will be brought into the light of Truth.

Comment Superfluous.
Comptroller Grout is not wholly in love with latter day educational fads. Recently he detailed a lady expert to inquire into the effects of the "special subjects" system in the public schools of New York city, and here is what Mrs. Matheide C. Ford says among other things in the course of her report:

"By the time the class teacher does all that is required by the music supervisor, the drawing supervisor, the physical training supervisor, the supervisor of sewing, the teacher of cooking, and the shop teacher, there is little time left for reading, spelling and arithmetic."

Further comment would be superfluous.

The Holy Father's Humor.

Pope Pius X has a fine sense of humor. When receiving the "Arosadia," a society of poets, the Holy Father, after praising their zeal for literature, begged them with a merry smile to remember that it was time for them to throw off the old age which appeared to be creeping over their society.

"The time has gone," he said, "for insisting too much on babbling brooks and twittering birds, and the time has come for attempting something like originality."

The poets smiled in a rather melancholy way as they left the presence of His Holiness.

Not Unlike Russia.

Adjutant-General Bell, the Czar of Colorado, went into the office of the district attorney with cocked revolver, a coil of rope, and said to that official: "Take your choice, write out your resignation, or you will dangle at the end of this rope inside of fifteen minutes."

The district attorney made reply: "I will not resign. I was elected by the people for a term of years. That term will not expire for a year."

Bell went on: "You are mistaken. It will expire in fifteen minutes by forcible limitation, if your resignation is not forthcoming."

Confronted with such an alternative the district attorney resigned.

These facts are from a symposium

thizer of Bell, who is proud of the latter's lawless actions.

Can conditions in "darkest Russia" be much worse?

Thomas J. Cummins.

In the death of Consul Thomas J. Cummins, at his post in Venezuela, newspaperdom has lost a shining light and Catholic journalism a brilliant exponent.

Mr. Cummins was a firm believer in a virile, fearless, upright Catholic press, and made his views known at frequent intervals by trenchant articles and telling speeches.

His one hobby was the need of a daily paper conducted on Catholic lines, and he advocated it persistently. His colleagues of the New York Press Club epitomized the man's character in this eulogy:

He was honest, his name being a synonym for honesty.

He was generous, ever aiding the needy.

He was far seeing, judging correctly men and affairs.

He was humble, seeking no place above his fellows.

He was ambitious, striving not to gain honors, but to do good.

He was courageous, knowing no fear.

He was patient, waiting with confidence the fruition of his labors.

He was strong, bearing his adversity with fortitude, and prosperity without pride.

He was righteous, fearing God and respecting his fellow man.

Great in simplicity, earnestness of purpose, and fidelity to principles of right, he compelled the admiration and won the love of those who knew him.

The First Gun Fired

It may be said that the great political campaign is now on.

Last week the republicans, in a convention remarkably enthusiastic considering that there was no contest over the head of the ticket, nominated Theodore Roosevelt for President and promoted Senator Fairbanks to second place on the national ticket. The platform upon which these gentlemen will appeal to the people for their suffrage is a document dignified in tone, and conservative in sentiment. It is to be regretted that the convention voted that our island possessions should not have equal representation with the Territories on this continent. As Walter Wellman puts it, the dwellers on those islands are reminded somewhat forcibly that, no matter what comes, the seat of government and power is to be on the mainland, and that American citizens in Hawaii are not equal to those in Oklahoma, so far as the Republican party's say-so can avail.

Next week the Democrats of the nation will meet in conclave in Saint Louis. What it will do, who it will nominate, no one can foretell. In such delightful uncertainty, there is sure to be life, security, noise and bustle. Men will argue, and urge and shout the good qualities of their favorite choice, and then will come the battle of the ballots. Inasmuch as it takes a two-thirds vote to nominate in democratic conventions, perhaps several ballots will be necessary before choice is made.

No matter who the opposing candidates, the JOURNAL has no other interest than that the best man may win.

Are Now Graduates.

During the past few days the Catholic schools of the city have held commencement exercises. The programmes presented were of a character to reflect credit upon any educational institution, of however high standing. But this is not all. All the graduates were tested by the Regents' examinations, which our non-Catholic competitors have discarded, perhaps because they were distanced every year by the pupils of the parochial schools—and the general class averages were above 90, in several instances above 94, while not a few stood 99 and a fraction.

We doubt if this record can be excelled, if indeed equalled, by the collective schools of any city in the country.

Our Catholic children are as well educated, probably better, than those of our non-Catholic neighbors. In addition they are grounded thoroughly in the principles of our holy religion.

Indeed we have reason to congratulate ourselves that we have as far seeing a bishop as the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, "the father of the Catholic school system in the United States."

Human Fiends.

Incredible as it may seem, indirect evidence points to the existence in this country of a band of "devil worshippers," or an organization akin to those fiends in human form which have existed for years in Europe.

Within a fortnight two separate attempts have been made to open the tabernacles in Catholic churches in N. Y. city. That is, the poorboxes and other receptacles for valuables which were far easier of access than the tabernacle, were not disturbed, is indirect evidence that the marauders were not burglars pure and simple.

Another piece of indirect evidence is, that adjoining Protestant churches, containing articles easy of access, were not entered or disturbed. A third link in the chain is that in one of the Catholic churches, just one set of vestments were stolen, and this has not turned up in any of the pawnshops—so the inference is that it was taken for use, not as booty to be turned into money.

No punishment is too severe to be meted out to human fiends who would desecrate the sanctuary where repose Our Lord. And yet he will inflict greater punishment than mortal man can, and He has said: "Vengeance is mine." So far, the attempts at sacrilege have failed, and Catholics should pray that they will ever fail; also that these malicious persons will be brought to a realization of the awful purport of their acts.

Mgr. Guidi.

God has called to Himself Archbishop Guidi, apostolic delegate to the Philippines. The eminent prelate was stricken suddenly at Manila on Friday last. He had performed signal service in arranging delicate negotiations between the United States government and the Vatican, and was beginning to see the end of his mission.

May his soul rest in peace.

The JOURNAL extends congratulations to the Rev. Father Maley on his promotion to an Elmira pastorate.

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The Truth society has also republished the exhaustive article of Count du Mun on "The Religious Crisis in France." All these publications, 10 cents each, may be had from the Catholic Truth society, San Francisco, or the International society, Arburke building, New York.

Five Minute Sermon

Jesus Feeds the Multitude.

According to the sacred interpreters the seven loaves signify the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, which our Divine Savior makes use of to preserve the life of our soul, strengthening it to walk in the midst of dangers, to overcome temptations, and to grow in virtue and christian perfection.

Those fishes served to render the bread more agreeable to the taste, and they signify all the graces which render easier the observance of the Divine word, which is the ordinary food of our soul. The example of Jesus Christ, who practiced all the precepts which He gave us in His holy law, the lights which our minds receive, the joy our hearts feel in doing good, the confidence that supports us in leading a christian life in the midst of difficulties—these are exquisite food which renders the observance of the commandments easy and pleasant to us.

To make good use of these spiritual nourishments we must pray God to give and keep in us the gift of His habitual grace; we must receive His favors with humility and a deep sense of gratitude; we must put into practice the lights and the instructions which we have received, and we must always be obedient to the legitimate successors of the apostles, who are the dispensers of the food of life.

We are to learn to have compassion for our brethren who are in want, and as He used the bread reserved for Himself and for the apostles to feed the people, so also must we take pleasure in depriving ourselves of something in order to help the poor.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday July 3—Gospel, St. Mark viii. 1-9. The Most Precious Blood.
Monday 4—St. Bertha, confessor.
Tuesday 5—St. Peter of Luxemburg, bishop and confessor.
Wednesday 6—St. Potholimus, confessor.
Thursday 7—SS Cyril and Methodius, bishop and confessor.
Friday 8—St. Elizabeth of Portugal, queen and widow.
Saturday 9—St. Ephrem, doctor and confessor.

Additional City News

CORPUS CHRISTI.

The Rosary society will hold their monthly meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Branch 251 L. C. B. A. will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The diagram of the pews will be distributed to the congregation on Sunday.

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