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CHAPTER XX..

THE PUBLIC WORKS. If, before the Edict, the Thermae of

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Dioclesian were being erected by the labour and sweat of Christian prison. the growing intensity of a most savage his favourite building, and hands were morrow. doubled on the work to expedite its and were put to labour in the harder letic forms. departments of the building art. To transport materials, to saw and cut stone and marble, to mix the mortar, and to build up the walls, were the duties allotted to the religious culprits, many of whom were men little accustomed to such menial toil. The for their labour was that of the mules and oxen which shared their occupation. Little better, if better, than a stable to sleep in, food sufficient in quantity to keep up their strength, them up in good condition." their escape, increased their sufferings, loth. watched every gang with lash or stick later.

by bribing their guards; and young men would boldly venture among them, and distribute more nourishing foed, or warmer clothing to them, or mild in aspect gentle in word observed. The party has for a numthem, and distribute more nourisming food, or warmer clothing to them, or give them the means of conciliating their keepers, so as to obtain better treatment at their hands. They would treatment at their hands. They would the measures brought forward to by the republicans, instead of formulative at inglegislative measures themselves.

The means of conciliating on his breast, other cause. The party has for a mild in aspect, gentle in word, cheerful beer of years contented itself with option to the measures brought forward the profession of the fact that families of the nobility as an anachronism though to the fact that families of the fact that families of the nobility as an anachronism though the fact that families of the fact that fami feesors bore for Christ.

ter, was useful for another purpose. Like the stew in which the luxurious their particular delight was, over and possibility for revision is through a Like the stew in which the luxurious Lucullus kept his lampreys ready fattened for a banquet; like the cages in which rare birds, the pens in which well-fed cattle, were preserved for the sacrifice, or the feast of an imperial effect. The sacrifice is the sacrifice of the sacrification of the sacrifica anniversary: like the dens near the amphitheatre, in which ferocious beasts were fed for exhibition at the public games; just so were the public works the preserves, from which at any time could be drawn the materials for a sanguinary hecatomb, or a gratification of the popular appetite for cruel spectacles, on any occasion of festivity; public stores of food for those fierce animals, whenever the Roman people wished to share in their savage propensities.

Such an occasion was now approach ing. The persecution had lingered. No person of note had been yet captured: the failures of the first day had not been fully repaired; and something more wholesale was expected. The approaching imperial birthday justification. The wild beasts of the Queen of Angels, which should articles should never be used except on people demanded more sport; and an which Sebastian and Pancratius had comprise the entire of that superb as the damage they will do is ten fold heard, yet roared for their lawful prey: "Christianos ad leones" might seem to have been interpreted by them as genius that the world should ever meaning "that the Christians of right see. What more consoling thought internally, acting directly upon the belonged to them."

One afternoon, towards the end of December, Corvinus proceeded to the Baths of Dioclesian, accompanied by Catulus, who had an eye for proper combatants in the amphitheatre, such as a good dealer would have for cattle at a fair. He called for Rabirius. the superintendent of the convict department, and said to him-"Rabirius. I am come by order of the emperor to wicked Christians under your charge, for the honour of fighting in the amphitheatre, on occasion of the coming festival."

have none to spare. I am obliged to goes."

finish the work in a given time, and I WASHINGTON LETTER CATHOLICS IN RUSSIA cannot do so, if I am left short of banda."

"I cannot help that; others will be got to replace those that are taken from you. You must walk Catulus and myself through your works, and let us choose those that will sait us." Rabirius, grumbling at this nurseby a circular vestibule lighted from their views of the recent election and cruciform hall of noble dimensions, the names of the gentlemen interroginto which opened a number of lesser, ated, the views expressed are at least though still handsome, chambers. At their real views, which would probably ers, it will not appear surprising that each angle of the hall, where the arms not be the case if they had talked for their number and their sufferings intersected one another, a huge granite publication. should have greatly increased with pillar of one block had to be erected. Iwo were already in their places, one

completion: Chains of supposed cul. ployed in making final preparations. not have pulled through without prits arrived each day from the port Catalus nudged Corvinus, and pointed trailing in on a phenomenal vote such of Luna, from Sardinia, and even from with his thumb to two fine youths, as the president received. There is a the Crimes or Chersonesus, where they who, stripped slave fashion to their general disposition to give credit to the European territory of the great had been engaged in quarries or mines. waists, were specimens of manly ath-

"I must have those two, Rabirius," work so cheerfully."

present. They are worth six men, or wrecked. The reason why President only recompense which they received a pair of horses, at least, to me. Wait Roosevelt has not mentioned the subtill the heavy work is over, and then ject is attributed to his rumored inthey are at your service."

take a note of them? And mind, keep and to take occasion, at the same time.

all they had to expect. Fetters on excellent family, but work like plebe- immediately, and not wait until the their ank les, heavy chains to prevent lians, and will go with you nothing eve of the next congressional election.

But the Christians of Rome took chambers which flanked the eastern peculiar care of these blessed confess. side of the longer arm of the hall. In ors, who were particularly venerated one of them they saw a number of was due to many causes. The comby them. Their deacons visited them, convicts (if we must use the term) bination of Parker, Belmont and Hill This assemblage of men, convicted in addition to their own tank work, By advancing definite policies they This assemblage of men, convicted one on each side, they bore up his could have won the country. The bonds. Indeed, were are told that only way in which democrats see a crowns, were ordained descons in the propose to do, but chiefly through

next pontificate. Several other captives law on the ground about the old man's feet, as he seated on a block of marble, was talking to them with a sweet gravity, which riveted their attention, and seemed to make them forget their portion of the immense pile which conceived in the womb." they were toiling to raise, would be dedicated to God under his invocation become a title, and close its line of Bewareof Ointments for Catarrh titulars by an illustrious name? Or was he recounting another more

were not so much erecting baths for the luxury of a heathen people, or the F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. prodicality of a wicked emperor, as in Sold by druggists. Price 75c. truth building up one of the stateliest churches in which the true God is worshipped, and the Virgin Mother. who bore Him incarnate, is affection-

ately honoured? readily; then added, "You may as well write R. E. Payne, general agent take that old man, if you like; for he 291 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y. 'Really,' answered the officer, "I is not worth his keep so far as work

To be comtinued.

The New Philippine Bill Before the

Senate. [Special to The Journal]

Political Views of All Sorts Since the assembling of Congress sonable demand, submitted meverthe. I have taken occasion to gather, in less to it, and took them into a vast private conversation with such proarea, just vaulted over It was entered minent members as I know personally above, like the Pantheon. This led its bearing on the future of the two into one of the shorter arms of a political parties. While I cannot give

REPUBLICAN VIEWS. The tremendeus victory of the repersecution. That emperor himself was girt with ropes delivered round publicans is unquestionably due to the was expected for the inauguration of capstans, ready to be raised on the splendid personality of the President. Many members of Congress can thank A number of men were actively em- him for their election, for they could proportions of the victory, and the latter are found mainly in those prov-break to the republican party is vari. inces which belonged to independent break to the republican party is yatisaid the willing purveyor to wild ously estimated at from 50 to 75 per beasts, "they will do charmingly. I cent. On the tariff there is the greatest am sure they are Christians, they diversity of opinion, and even those who favor revision see it in a danger-"I cannot possibly spare them at our rock on which the party might be tention to send a special message on "What are their names, that I may revision toward the close of thissession to call an extra session. A great "They are called Largus and many members are in favor-if anyclothing enough to guard them from the inclemency of the season, this was savegallent family but work like place. The proposition to reduce Southern "They shall have their wish," said representation is looked upon as a and taskmasters, acceptable in proporCorvinus, with glee. Aud so they had very doubtful expedient. While some

> DEMOCRATIC VIEWS. The defeat of the democratic party youthful labourers, Cyriacus and that their measures could never pass Sisinnius, of whom it is recorded, that in a republican Gongrees, is purile.

> > republican dissentions E.L.Scharf. Ph D.

New Year's Day -- The Feast of the Circumcision.

Gospel: St. Luke ii. 21 .-- "And sufferings. What was he saying to after eight days were accomplished them? Was he requiting Cyriacus that the Child should be circumcised for his extraordinary charity by telling His name was called Jesus, which was him that, in commemoration of it, a called by the angel, before He was

that Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the glorious vision, how this smaller ora- sense of smell and completely derange tory was to be superseded and ab the wnole system when entering it prescriptions from reputable physicians hall, with its vestibule, under the di- to the good you can possibly derive recting skill of the mightiest artistic from them. Halt's Catarrh Cure, many factured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo O., contains no mercury, and is taken could have been vouchsafed to those blood and mucous surfaces of the syspoor oppressed captives than that they tem. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by

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SUBJECTS OF THE CZAR WHO ARE TRUE TO THE CHURCH OF ROME

In Spite of Rigerous Personalisms There Are In the Empley Over 11. 000.000 feels That Glery is Their Allegiance to the Moly See

It may be remembered that not keng ago the car issued a manifesto the purport of which was that a much larger amount of toleration in matters of religion might be expected by his subjects than they have enjoyed in recent years. This promise though it still lacks adequate performance bas excited the keenest interest of Roman Catholics who constitute a much larger proportion of the Russian population than is generally supposed.

. From figures given by the Gotha Court Calendar for 1903-04 there were at the time the statistics were gathered only 70,000 Roman Catholics in Asiatic Russia, whereas there were in European Russia no fewer than 11. 420,000, showing that the subjects of the esar who are faithful to the Bov-ereign Pontiff of Rome concentrate in Poland before the successive partitions of that kingdom. There would have been at least twice as many had funds for the maintenance of the solemn pledge made by the Russian sovereign who acquired the great er portion of Poland been fulfilled But the persecutions of the Roman

ecuted with such vigor under Catherine II. kept the faith from spreading in secret in any place where her of the government relaxed, the Church tard the growth of Roman Catholicity. again Ultimately, however, a kind of modus | Meanwhile the Anglican church, with vivendi. was established between the all the facilities provided in the Cath St. Petersburg government and the lic places of worship the papacy. Even now, however, any suc-appropriated, was able to have to constul attempt at proselytism is see ing chancel choice of its own.

Catholics which were begun and pro-

very doubtful expedient. While some verely punished, and in the case of this very day the old Catholic professor it strongly, the majority is prob mixed marriages the children are forc of having men and boys reads to watched every gang with lash or stick in hand, every ready to add pain to toil, whether it were to vent their own wanton cruelty upon unresisting ob.

As they went through the works, ably opposed to the whole scheme of the brought up in the religion of cred music is a prominent factors, the state. If a member of the Orthodox Anglican and Episcopalian services wanton cruelty upon unresisting ob. wanton cruelty upon unresisting ob.
jects, or to please their crueller made resistance, but generally in vain. question is looked for in the immediate criminal," forfelts all the rights and as of old, every dailed it. privileges of his station and is exiled. grand choir of men and

A correspondent of Civilita Cattolica lie News. of Rome has the following to say of the flourishing condition of the Catho-He Church in Russia:

"I was recently told by an Orthodox Russian priest in the course of a conversation that the upper classes of Russation, the Orthodox religion clearly re- duiging in excessive abuse of oppo

Catholic priest, and this freedom is Catholic Opinion carried even to the highest circles. The Catholic churches are frequent throughout the country, and sermons are delivered in Polish, Germans adult Catholics truly declares the French or Italian, according to the low cality. The Catholic Church cannot, however, have any bells, as this is a profit containing as it does in concise right which is accorded by the law form the doctrines which our Lord only to the Protestants. Pollah must came upon earth to teach to managed. not be taught in the schools, proces. As we learn from its title page it is an sions are prohibited, and for funerals abridgment of the Unristian doctrine. celebrated with state it is necessary to obtain the authorization of the police. These restrictions, however, do not embarrass the work of Catholicism in its effect on the mind, and the piety and generosity of the faithful-above all, of the Poles are admirable. There most essential knowledge and therefore not a day on which some hundreds of persons do not receive the holy mys. selves thoroughly with its contents tery, and the Church of Santa Caterina. That many have only dim recollections especially on Saturday, is filled with of this essential knowledge is the most soldiers and officials. The archdiocess Potent argument for again finding time of Mobilev, in the limits of which are for its careful perusal. is one of the largest dioceses of the Roman Catholic Church in Russia The celebration at Westmines and numbers 998,670 faithful, 358 cathedral of the Red Mass is a priests and 228 churches spread minder of the fact that the Red Manage through the districts of Mobiley. Vitebsk and Minsk."

Examperating to Catholics. There is a dogmatic assumption on to this country and England The council of a following the state state and mention and affects the state of the

Surge than in their over they we ating to the well informed Catholic be As a matter of downtable statistics truth such crimes are three times a gumerotus in Orest Beitsin and Are of al chines of supple out in this country as they are in this so and time that our inter the same series of the of the latter has took model the complete or the tack. At Mark the

CHURCH MUSIC

The reform in sicred music or by the Prope is regarded by not a few in the church. Nothing could be more erroneous. The Pope prescribes a turn to the old custom of having about of men and boys do the singler to the churches. It has been remarked that the Anglican church in England and the Protestant Episcopal church, here are noted for their splendid male chan-

But many forget that such chales are robbed of their diffe in the second s among other features she In a number of the (cathedrals and chusehes which appropriated by the recurrence

while they lasted. When the activity avoid those hired to apy upon them Naturally they had to do without chan again began to make progress, and the cel choirs in those days, and it was persecutions, even as late as 1885, many a long year before they were again assumed vigor and helped to re lowed to have churches of their own

The Pope and the Dail The Holy Father is prepar utterance on dieling. Speaking the subject with the editor of Wiener Allgemeins Zeitung at ple with whom they are in contact.
Further, although the intellectual condition of the higher clergy of the Russum countries does not afford sufficient protection to the bonds of sian church is perfectly satisfactory, public men, and opportunities are their at the same time the lower members of afforded duelists of offering challenges, the clergy are too ignorant and have if there, was a legal fribunal which too many moral failings to exercise a would decide when men's honor was beneficial influence on the cultured unfairly impugued a severe ploy would classes. Russian orthodoxy does not be struck at the dueling practice. The respond to the demands of their minds: Poutificalso thinks that the course of With reference to the spiritual organic honor would represe the habit of in veals its inferiority when compared nents. When grave accusations are with Catholicism, which, notwithstand-preferred against public men His Holiing the severity of the Russian laws, ness holds that those who make them preserves inviolate its prestige and should be called upon to prostuce even in St. Petersburg reveals its ad-mirable force of organization and its should be punished severaly. The supernatural vitality. supernatural vitality.

"In the great Russian centers the would doubtless be of no small service condition of the Roman Catholics is in some of the continental nations. In such as to lead one to believe that the English speaking countries honor is Russian government is one of the most fairly safeguarded by the existing tolerant in matters of religion. In the courts of law, and the principle of schools, Orthodox and Lutheran, the give and take is observed in the mat-Catholic children are instructed by a ter of political warrare-London

> "This is a much neglected book among Church Progress "Yet what pook have It is the primer of Catholic faith bence If is a book which should be ressured by avery Catholic-a book with which Catholicnone should be ignorant. It is the one plin book of all others whose lessons abouted meyer be forgotten. It contains the demands that all should acquain them

Was celebrated abunal y in Paris til last year, when it was forbidden I be enstom dates from the saft becau when it was nend to sommand and