

MY ROSARY.

It is my soul
Black sadness dwell,
I have a friend
I love so well—
My rosary.
It misery, pain,
Should be my part,
I'll take this friend
Unto my heart—
My rosary.
If dread of grave
To me brings fear,
Give me my friend,
So loved, so dear—
My rosary.

When life must end,
Death claims its part,
Oh, rosary queen,
Take with my heart
My rosary!
—Fehina Sullivan in Church Calendar of West Virginia.

SHORT SERMONS.

It is better to have faith in the mystery than to believe in doubt.

All that you say in secret, speak as if you were addressing a multitude.

Be as cheerful as you can in well doing. There is a double grace in good actions when they are done cheerfully and brightly.

What is the use of our Christianity if it has never yet taught us how to forgive people the wrongs, real or fancied, that they have done against us?

The love of God always includes love of our neighbor, and therefore no pretense of zeal for God's glory must make us uncharitable to our brother.

To chastise with anger is not punishment, but vengeance.

Sacrifice imparts to the soul a holy power of affection hitherto unknown to it.

He who is not a source of faith, of courage, of joy for those about him, has no well spring of divine life within himself.

Keep thyself innocent, O my soul, that, endowed with greater delicacy, thou mayest feel thyself at all times penetrated with the presence of God.

Every heavy burden of sorrow seems like a stone hung around our neck, yet are they often only like the stones used by pearl divers, which enable them to reach their prize and to rise enriched.

Teach self denial in your homes. It is not kind to the child to allow him everything he asks. Teach him that the truest and greatest happiness is to be found in denying himself and helping others.

Sorrow and the Grave.

Sorrow is sorrow wherever you find it, and no bank account can purchase immunity. A grave is a grave, whether there is a costly monument above it or only a headstone of marble. When you reckon with actual experience you discover they are independent of wealth or poverty and come to all alike, and when you look at the hearts of men you find the same measure of human nature in them all. Now, when we take our departure what shall we carry with us?

Resignation.

There is no life so narrow that it does not hold more than we at first think conceivable. If instead of looking with covetous eye on the superior benefits which others enjoy we set at work to live our own life in our own way we shall be surprised to find that flowers blossom in soil which we thought only productive of weeds. The great secret is to force ourselves into harmony with our surroundings—it is not always easy to do this—and compel them to yield their best product. This resignation is one of the loftiest of virtues and one of the most heroic.

Wrong Use of Right Things.

Many of the sins of which we are guilty originate in the wrong use of right things. What is gluttony but the wrong use of appetite? Envy is the degenerate spirit of emulation? When the object is an evil or wrong, anger is a noble feeling. It is a deadly sin when it vents itself as revenge or hatred. Covetousness is self love seeking advantage at the expense of the welfare or happiness of another. We shall find that nearly all the muddy streams in our lives begin in the springs which God made to be pure and sweet and crystalline.

Churches and Disease.

"Churches are veritable black holes of Calcutta as disease breeders," said Dr. F. E. Daniel of Austin, Tex., opening the American International congress on tuberculosis, of which he is president, in New York on Nov. 14. Dr. Austin once attended a church in which there were 500 persons, but his strong constitution carried him safely over the dangerous experiment. Had he entered one of the many Catholic churches of 2,000 seating capacity, crowded at its six or seven successive Sunday morning masses, he would have died on the spot. All the same, a vast number of churchgoing Catholics attain old age and leave large families. Is godliness with bodily health the ideal for a time with national dangers superabounding? Is the soul worth no risks?—Boston Pilot.

The Good Shepherd.

The first of all "special devotions" practiced by the children of the Church is the devotion of the Church in the sacramental devotion to the Good Shepherd. They were in conflict with the world, with the persecutor's oppression, with the unbeliever's immorality, and they turned from strife and conflict for love and peace, to the Good Shepherd who still seemed to say to them, "Fear not, little flock." When, so our Lord Himself displayed His power and love for His sheep, He was speaking of Himself, of the Good Shepherd.

SLEEP AN INTOXICATION.

Scientist Ascribes Slumber to Carbonic Acid Gas.

Professor Munot of Paris, has recently given an interesting answer to this question during the course of a correspondence with a Government scientist at Washington.

According to the Frenchman, sleep may be defined as a kind of intoxication caused by carbonic acid. Experimenting with animals that hibernates in winter, such as the marmot, for instance, Professor Munot has found that during the progress of hibernation there is an accumulation of carbonic acid in the blood of the unconscious animal. Further study has convinced him that the "winter sleep" of hibernating animals does not differ, as far as its causes are concerned, from the ordinary sleep which, for shorter periods, lulls the senses and restores the strength of all animals, including man.

London's Water Supply.

London's original water supply was the River Thames and every apartment was supplied with a water tankard for transporting the liquid to the house. As early as 1479 there were "water thieves," "for in this year a wax chandler in Fleet street had his craft pierced a pipe of the conduit with a needle, and so conveyed the water into his cellar; wherefor he was hanged to a gibbet through the ceiling with a condit upon his hedde." The first official water supply for London was made in Germany, in 1822 Peter Maurice, a German, made an engine at London bridge by which water was conveyed in lead pipes to the citizens' houses, and he and his descendants became rich on the proceeds.

China's Yellow River.

Thousands of men work all their lives at securing the banks of the great Yellow river in China. Yet every now and then the tide sweeps away all opposition and the loss in human life is greater than any war ever caused. Nineteen years ago the river burst its bonds. Day after day the torrent flowed, twenty miles to the hour, thirty miles wide and ten feet deep. The flood has been described as that of five Danubies pouring from a height for two months on end. For 2,000 years the Chinese have been embanking this river.

Rubber from Wheat.

In an article entitled "Rubber Made From Wheat" William T. Walsh writing in reference to this matter says: "The importance of the discovery can scarcely be overestimated, coming as it does at a time when the world is anxiously asking whence its future supplies of rubber are to come. In half a decade, it is said, the annual consumption of the elastic material will be at least 80,000 tons. Even 100,000 tons is regarded by many as a conservative estimate."

Offered Their Services.

Several companies of Siberian militia had volunteered for service at the front. Their offer to Emperor Nicholas read: "We humbly lay at Your Majesty's feet our desire to be permitted to fight and die for the fatherland." The Emperor, in accepting, wrote on the margin of the petition in his own hand, "I thank you sincerely and hope your wishes may be fully realized."

Horse With Wooden Leg.

The veterinary profession is much interested in a surgical operation which has been accomplished by Professor Vrieki, one of the staff of the veterinary school at Bucharest. Having amputated a horse's leg at the fetlock joint, after several failures he succeeded in fitting a leather boot or artificial leg that enabled the animal to walk about and take exercise.

Kaiser a Coffee Drinker.

During the days of indignation and anger caused by the Hohenzollern revelations the Kaiser had recourse more than usual to his favorite beverage, Mexican coffee, which, he claims, calms as well as refreshes. He has a supply sent to him periodically from a German colony of planters on the Pacific coast of Mexico.

In the Nation's Capital.

The Nation's capital has the largest collection of anthropological specimens on the face of the globe. Four thousand to five thousand skulls and skeletons of human beings are there preserved. Two hundred brains are arrayed in jars. These are exhibited with those of animals for the purpose of comparison.

The Ancient Greyhound.

The Eastern greyhound has been from time immemorial the hunting dog of the Eastern plains, and making allowances for the artistic attainments of those early periods we find representations of him which are almost identical with the dogs of today on the monuments and tombs of ancient Egypt.

Australia's "Bottle Plant."

In the southwestern part of the United States and in Australia there grows in desert places the "bottle plant," which has saved the lives of many men who, smitten by the sun, footsore and well-nigh spent, have almost died for lack of water. The "bottle plant," on being cut, gives out a small flow of the precious fluid. The plant not only holds water, but is shaped like a bottle.

Regulations for Lent.

All the days of Lent are days of abstinence from flesh meat.

By dispensation, however, the use of flesh meat is allowed without restriction on Sundays and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, except on the Saturday of ember week and the Saturday of holy week.

The use of eggs, butter and cheese, on the collation, provided the quantity prescribed by the fast be complied with, is by general custom tolerated in this country.

Lard and drippings may be used in preparing fish, vegetables, etc.

The following persons are exempt from the obligation of fasting: Young persons under 21 years of age, the aged, the sick, nursing women, those who are obliged to do hard labor, and all who through weakness cannot fast, without prejudice to their health.

Persons dispensed from the obligation of fasting on account of tenderness, or advanced age or hard labor, are not bound by the restrictions of using meat only at one meal on days on which its use is granted by dispensation.

In churches where there is a resident pastor, there will be a sermon and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on every Wednesday evening and the devotion of the stations of the Holy Cross on Fridays.

Pastors in charge of two or more churches, will give one sermon during the week, in at least two churches.

Prayer and the spirit of penance should accompany penitential works. Endeavor, therefore, to excite your parishioners to observe this holy season according to the intention of the church, and place every facility in their way for receiving the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist.

Very sincerely in Christ,
BERNARD,
Bishop of Rochester.

Deeds, Not Words.

Great souls suffer in silence, for they know that deeds, not words, attest and indicate worth. The best is a quiet life and a busy life still, but striving, like the stars, which seem at rest, but are forever moving.

Hologous.

Some of the Protestant denominations are now being convinced that heresy trials are very unwise. We wonder they do not add that they are likewise very illogical. According to the leading doctrine of Protestantism, a man is to interpret sacred Scripture according to his private judgment. Yet this privilege is denied dissenting ministers.—Church Calendar of West Virginia.

Work of Book Restorers.

Book restorers, as a rule, are most ingenious artists, and they can produce an imitation of a page of a rare book which will deceive hundreds of collectors. One particular restorer is known to have "doctored" over a thousand old books during the last two years, producing pages in facsimile and supplying colophons or decorated capitals. There is not a thing wanting to make a book complete that this man cannot skillfully "fake," and the market is now being fairly flooded with his productions.

Moving a Lighthouse.

The feat of moving a lighthouse without taking it apart or dismantling it in any way has recently been accomplished at Ashtabula. The range light, weighing 65 tons and standing 65 feet high, was placed on a lighter and towed along the river a distance of 750 feet, and then successfully placed on a new site. It was raised by the use of jacks and moved on rollers to and from the lighter. Guy ropes held it in position while moving.

Demand for Good Sight.

The spectacled youth of poor physique is becoming a great deal too common at Sandhurst. It has always been a mystery that the standard required for eyesight is not in these days of very long-range firing, invisible uniforms and visual signalling, good eyesight is of the utmost importance to a good officer, and the lack of it may risk his men's lives.—London Truth.

Ten Million on Pauper Line.

"Ten million people are near the pauper line in the United States." This statement was made by Robert Hunter, of New York, in an address recently. He said: "These people are unable to earn enough to get the necessities of life and maintain physical efficiency. They are dependent to a greater or less degree upon charity."

"The fact that ten million people are in this condition now in fairly prosperous time is appalling for the future. Of these seven million work when they can get it, but they are living on wages which will barely support them when they are at work, and any slight misfortune makes them dependent upon charity. Children to the number of 3,800,000 are included in these figures."

Robert Treat Paine, the Boston philanthropist, takes issue with Mr. Hunter, and says that he can hardly believe there are as many paupers as Mr. Hunter declares.

AURORA, N. Y.

It is with the deepest sorrow and regret that we here record the death of Eliza Jane, the beloved wife of Michael Nolan, 18 Pleasant St., Auburn, N. Y. Deceased after a brief illness of ten days passed away on the morning of Feb. 18th, Ash-Wednesday. She retained the use of her faculties until the last moment and left this world fortified by the sacraments and the consolations of her religion. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church, Aurora, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. John F. Nelligan. In a few well chosen words he reminded the large concourse present of the lively active faith of the deceased during the forty-two years of her life, the greater part of which time she spent in this parish her native home. The reverend father concluded his remarks with a few eloquent words on the certainty of death and judgment and the immortality of the soul. In her daily life she showed us the intelligence of honesty, the labor, and all who through weakness cannot fast, without prejudice to their health.

AUBURN, N. Y.

Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus held their annual memorial services at St. Mary's church Friday. A solemn high mass was celebrated for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the council. The Knights marched to the church in a body. The choir of the church sang the mass and also assisted in the solo work of the services. The church was crowded, many friends and the families of the deceased members being present.

Lenten services are being held in all the Catholic churches of the city on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The monthly collection at St. Mary's church was taken up last Sunday.

The dramatic club of St. Aloysius church is rehearsing a drama for St. Patrick's day. The play will be given on March 18th on account of the 17th falling on Sunday. The club is composed of some of the best talent of the city and a good production is looked for.

The Willing Workers Club of the Auburn Asylum are holding their weekly meetings at their rooms in the Woodman's Hall building. These meetings are largely attended by the members and their friends. The club is doing a good work for the Asylum and should be given the support of the public in their undertaking.

ORANANDAIGUA.

Prayers were offered Sunday for Mrs. Hannah Hayes, Father D. M. O'Donoghue, Mrs. Ann Birmingham, Martin Ford and Mrs. McDermott.

The funerals of Thomas McIntyre Sr. and Martin Hogan took place Wednesday morning.

The Holy Name Society has been divided into bands, each in charge of a prefect. The badges are to be all kept at the rooms.

The Young Ladies' Sodality and Children of Mary will receive holy communion Sunday.

Monthly school collection next Sunday.

The quarterly pew rent proof will be posted next Sunday.

The anniversary of Father McCormack's death was observed Monday and that of Mrs. Mary B. Finn, Friday.

Rev. B. J. Gelfell of Despatch preached Wednesday evening.

Children's confessions were heard this week.

The amount of \$78.02 was raised last Sunday for the foreign missions and for propagation of the faith among the Indians and negroes in this country.

Cook Opera House.

Tom Edwards is to be the top liner in the vaudeville show scheduled for next week at the Cook Opera House. Edwards is a ventriloquist and is rated as one of the greatest living exponents of this particular branch of entertainment. The Spook minstrels, a moving picture novelty, in which animated photographs show the first part of a minstrel show, while the voices are supplied by an invisible male sextette, will be another attraction. Lafayette's Dogs, a troupe of canine gymnasts, are on the list.

Estelle Wordette and Company will present a one-act sketch called "A Honeycomb in the Catekills." The Piccolo Midglets will entertain with their Salvation Army impersonation and athletic exhibition. Quinlan and Mack will have their comedy turn "The Traveling Dentist." Orth and Fern in trick piano playing, Bandy and Wilson, giving songs and dances, and the kinetograph will fill out the bill.

Around the Globe

Catholic News From Many Places

There is to be a national German pilgrimage in connection with the German Catholic Congress at Wurzburg in 1907.

The Jesuit historian, Father Hughes, is delivering the English sermons at San Silvestro in Capite on the Sundays preceding Lent.

The Vatican Observatory with its recent new buildings, is now regarded as one of the best and most valuable on the Continent.

The remains of Cardinals Wiseman and Manning have been privately removed from the cemetery at Kensal Green, London, and re-interred in the crypt of Westminster Cathedral.

A condemnation by the Holy See has borne fruit again, and speedily, in the case of the fanatical Mariavites of Poland. Their schism is in course of total dissolution, like "Archbishop" Aglipay's in the Philippines.

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, has been appointed rector of the Catholic University, Dublin, in succession to the late Rt. Rev. Mgr. Molloy.

Rev. Joseph F. Hanselman, S. J., Provincial of the New York-Maryland Jesuit Province, will shortly go to Jamaica, W. I., to make an official inspection of the order in that territory.

Notre Dame University's representative, Edward O'Flynn, won first place in the Indiana State oratorical contest, held recently in Indianapolis. Leo Kelly, another Catholic, who represented Wabash College, carried off second honors.

Rev. George W. Mundelein, Chancellor of the diocese of Brooklyn, has been made a domestic prelate, with the title of Monsignor, by His Holiness, Pope Pius X.

As a partial fruit of a recent mission to non-Catholics given in St. Vincent's Church, at Elm Grove, a suburb of Wheeling, W. Va., Rev. J. J. Swint, one of the missionaries, baptized three converts.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Bonacum, of Lincoln, Neb., has departed for Rome to pay his second annual visit to the Pope. After a short stay in Rome he will rest for some weeks in the south of Italy to regain his health, which of late has been quite poor.

With the completion and dedication of the two new wings of the Poor Clare Monastery at Evansville, Ind., this institution becomes the largest under the care of the Poor Clares in this country. The wings are composed of two three-story brick buildings, each 150 feet long and 40 feet wide, are the gift of Mrs. Mary R. Fendrich and cost \$39,000.

Sister Joseph Caraher, who died recently at Lenox, Scotland, was one of those heroines of the Catholic Church of whom the world hears but little, but whose deeds of charity should evoke public appreciation.

Entering the Order of Charity in 1859, the deceased, after receiving the religious habit, was sent out to Naples, where she acted as a nurse during the Garibaldian troubles. Deceased was one of Miss Florence Nightingale's staff in the Crimean War.

The death is announced of the distinguished astronomer, Miss Agnes Mary Clerke, one of the few ladies who have been elected members of the Royal Astronomical Society. Miss Clerke's scientific knowledge was acknowledged by experts to be the very highest value, and her works contain a masterly array of facts. An earnest Catholic, she took a good deal of interest in foreign missionary work.

Baker Theatre.

Will C. Murphy's "Why Women Sin" will hold the boards at Baker Theatre, beginning with a matinee Monday afternoon. This sensational melodrama is one of the best money-getters on the stage. Between acts, as usual, high class specialties, moving pictures and illustrated songs will be introduced. The play is a society melodrama and contains a sort of humor which only Mr. Murphy possesses and the comedy is as refined as the pathos.

Bamboo Tree in Ceylon.

The giant bamboo of Ceylon grows to a height of eighty feet. It is used in the construction of houses and bridges. Also, water pipes are made of it.

College Statistics.

Figures concerning the students matriculated at Cornell in the last twenty years indicate that 42 per cent. have come from private schools and 58 per cent. from public schools. Of private school pupils 153 were dropped after the first term and 111 from public schools, and the percentage of failures among the public school graduates is much lower than those of private schools. Consequently, the Cornell faculty favors withdrawing the privilege of admission by certificate from private schools.

A single log of mahogany often brings as much as \$5,000 at a sale.

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