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Not So Dark.

R.C. Gleener makes this interesting contribution to the "Catholic Columbian"

A recent number of the "Catholic Columbian" states an interesting fact that goes to show that the Middle Ages were not so dark as pictured and that the old monks knew a thing or two that present day civilization prides itself upon as having discovered.

In the orange garden of the old Capuchin monastery on a hillside about 300 feet above the Gulf of Amalfi, Italy, there are a number of queer mushroom-shaped tables. These tables, apparently used by the monks for reading purposes, are about two and a half feet high and three feet in diameter at the top and two feet at the base.

An architect's attention was called to this statement and he laconically remarked, "the use of cement was for years a lost art, and we are now restoring it."

Missionary.

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Among those who sent messages on the occasion of the unveiling of the monument to the humble Capuchin Cardinal were...

Pope Pius X., the Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia; the Dowager Queen of Italy, the Duke of Genoa, Cardinals Rampolla, Satolli, Cassetta, Agliardi, Vannutelli, and Ferrari, the Ministers Orlando and Tittoni, the Governor of Eritrea, Senator Rossi, the Mayor of Turin, as well as a large number of Bishops and nobles.

Among the speeches made on the occasion none was more acclaimed than the short blunt address of a young Negro from Africa, where the great Capuchin had toiled for his tribe

Mistake.

The Catholic Journal regrets that Rochester Knights of Columbus permitted the first "Columbus Day" to pass without fitting observance of the occasion

The holiday was created to honor Columbus the patron of the Knights of Columbus. The bill was championed at Albany by leading Knights, as similar bills were pressed in other states

Morever Columbus was a well have honored his memory by a celebration which would have been memorable. Surely the Italian addition to Rochester's population should not have been permitted to monopolize the day. Especially, too, was it a mistake to make the day a purely civic affair.

Let us hope that Rochester will be in line before Columbus Day, 1910.

Yearning

Who can say that the following from the "American Catholic" a "high" Protestant Episcopal organ published in Los Angeles, does not voice the feeling of many non-Catholics.

Destined, as we are to contend for principles which seem to us of Divine ordering, and so to be brought into open controversy with the Roman Church, we nevertheless do not hesitate to aver our yearning for closer union with her, and our admiration for her saints, living and dead. We should know ourselves strangers to honor, false to ourselves, did we try to conceal these feelings under the mistaken notion that loyalty to our religion compelled us to see good only in ourselves. Nor can we contemplate the effects of that wonderful sacramental system, visible in the patient devotion to our Lord, so apparent among the priests and people of the Latin Church, without deprecating to ourselves and a votive offering through the ages, in that they cannot monopolize all tact, unwavering."

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We have a new devotion called "The Twelve Saturdays," and it is instituted to honor the Immaculate Mother of God on the twelve Saturdays before the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop Barlin Passes Away.

By the death of Mgr. Jorge Barlin, Bishop of Nueva Caceres, Philippines, the whole church has lost one of its worthiest bishops. The episcopate of the Philippines mourns the extinction of one of its brightest lights. The clergy and people, especially of Nueva Caceres, are in grief for the noble soul that is gone, and can hardly be consoled for the loss of him who was their just pride, as he was one of their most distinguished ornaments.

Cook Opera House.

Louis Simon, Grace Gardner & Co. will return to the Cook Opera House this week, opening Monday afternoon, after a long absence abroad, in their roaring farce "The New Coachman." The special feature attraction is that of The Carmos with a juggling act that is said to be one of the most wonderful ever seen in this country. Elizabeth Murray makes her appearance in a singing and monologue act that met with marked favor. The comedy act of Haines & Vidocq has not been here in a long time. John McCloskey, a newcomer to Rochester, has a rich tenor voice. It is sincerely believed by the management that Mr McCloskey will be a big hit with the Cook patrons. Another act is that of Gus Edwards Kountry Kids. Their musical comedy is called "Miss Rose's Birthday." The Sledes in their black art comedy called "The Mysterious Hotel" will score a big hit with the young people, and Mareena, Nevaro & Mareena will please with their excellent acrobatic act and the Mooreoscope pictures will send everybody away happy

Baker Theatre

Commencing with the matinee Monday Oct. 25, Bert Lytell and his company will usher in their twentieth successful week with an elaborate production of David Belasco's greatest play, "The Warrens of Virginia." The production will mark the first performance of this noted drama, in Rochester. The scenes of the play are laid near Appomattox Court House, Virginia, just before the close of the Civil War. Mr Lytell will be seen as the lovable old Confederate General Warren, while Miss Adair will be Agatha, his daughter. "The Warrens of Virginia" as a play is peculiarly adapted to the Lytell company and all the parts will be in capable hands. The company will be augmented for this production by a number of extra people who will appear in various ensembles. The usual matinees will be played on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and it will be well to reserve seats early as Mr. Lytell's enterprise in securing this great Belasco play will no doubt result in houses limited only by the capacity of the theater.

IN MEMORIAM

Division No. 7 A.O.H. has adopted the following resolutions: Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our worthy brother Thomas C. Daignan, be it

Resolved, that we sincerely condole with the family of our brother in their severe affliction, and trust they will be enabled with Christian resignation to bear their loss, which an all wise Providence has inflicted upon them.

Resolved, that as a mark of respect to our brother that these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes of our meeting and a copy thereof be sent to the family and published in the Catholic Journal. Jas. B. Coville, John Coffey, O' Ward Committee.

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