

Monument to Pius X.

The work on the monument of Pius X in St. Peter's is advancing. For some weeks masons have been excavating the great niche in the wall between the two pillars just before you come to the choir chapel, where the body of Pope Leo XIII used to rest and where the monument is to be. As soon as the site is prepared the huge plaster cast of the monument will be put in place. This will be carefully studied by the commission of cardinals—Merry del Val, Cagiano and Bialelli—and His Holiness will probably descend privately to St. Peter's to see the model of the monument. Later the public may be allowed to see it. But that will not be for some time to come as it is only lately that the sculptor, Signor Astorri, has managed to procure the necessary block of marble, which weighs twenty tons, and for which special arrangements are being made for transportation to Rome, nearly all heavy transport appliances being at the service of the army.

Prosperity In Ireland.

In closing the Newry Cathedral bazaar recently, Most Rev. Dr. Mulhern announced that the debt of £13,000 on the cathedral had been completely wiped out. The Most Rev. Dr. McRory, Bishop of Down and Connor, who has been attending the sessions of the Irish convention, said at Newry recently that the convention was an assembly of Irishmen of which even its opponents might be proud. The most divergent views had been expressed there honestly and frankly, and they had been listened to patiently and with forbearance—with such patience and forbearance as, he believed, would do credit to any deliberative assembly in the world.

A Notorious Hoax.

That notorious hoax—a prayer alleged to have been "found in the grave of our Lord Jesus Christ in the year 803," is going its rounds again, writes Father Hull, S. J., in The Examiner. This time some perverse individual has worked it out in the form of a cross, and got it printed; and correspondents are writing to the Examiner asking "whether it is one that can be used by Catholics"—just as if The Examiner and other Catholic papers in India had never said a word on the subject. Burn the thing, I say, and let's have no more about it. It is a pure fake, and superstitious to boot; and anyone with even the rudiments of a Catholic education ought to know this without having to be told.

25,000-30,000 French Priests Mobilized.

According to the estimate of the London "Tablet," France has mobilized between 25,000 and 30,000 priests. Nearly three-fourths of them are facing death in the trenches, and 3,000 have actually been killed in the war. Every month 600,000 masses are said by these soldier priests on the lurid edge of the great world war.

Hustle And Smile.

Smile and the world smiles with you; "Knock" and you go it alone; For the cheerful grin Will let you in Where the kicker is never known; Growl, and the way looks dreary; Laugh and the path is bright; For a welcome smile Brings sunshine, while A frown shuts out the light. Sigh and you "take in" nothing; Work and the prize is won; For the merry man With the backbone can By nothing be outdone. Hustle! and fortune awaits you; Shirk! and defeat is sure; For there's no chance Of deliverance For the chap who can't endure.

WHY SIGN THE FOOD CONSERVATION CARD?

"Are you trying to insult me? You ask me to sign a pledge, to do the very things that I have been trying to do for years. As if I needed the government at Washington to tell me how to run my kitchen and my table." This was the indignant message delivered to a Food Conservation visitor when she called the attention of one woman to the requests to save food made of all American housewives by the United States Food Administration, and asked her to sign the Pledge Card and then fill out the Weekly Report Card for two months. Of course the visitor explained that the officers of the United States Food Administration realize that there are hundreds of thousands of housewives who have been handling food with scrupulous care, but it is not the purpose to omit anyone in this nation-wide canvass for help for the Food Conservation program. They are sorely needed in the campaign to enlist others and give them an example of what should be done. No one can be spared. The need is too pressing, the danger of a shortage of food for our forces in the field and the forces of our Allies is too great. If the war is to be won, if the world is to be made safe for democracy, the food supply must be conserved, and the women who already know how must help those who are ready to learn how. When these things were explained to the careful housewife she was ready not only to promise to make weekly reports but to persuade others to follow her example.

THOSE WHO FIGHT ARE THOSE WHO PRAY.

On the famous march to Quebec, led by Arnold, two-thirds of whose soldiers were Irishmen, religious services were regularly held on the journey. When Commodore MacDonough was about to enter into conflict with the English fleet on Lake Champlain, he ordered that the "prayer before battle" be offered up. The men who climbed the heights of Fredericksburg and faced the guns of Gettysburg, before entrance into battle, knelt and prayed for pardon and strength from God. Among the soldier-leaders of the Confederacy, Stonewall Jackson stands prominently forward as a man of prayer, and General Lee shows the same religious spirit and reliance upon God when he writes to his son: "My whole trust is in God, and I am ready for whatever He may ordain. May He guide, guard and strengthen us in my constant prayer." Admiral Phillips in our last war, manifested the same religious spirit when, as the ships of the enemy were sinking and our sailors were exulting, he said: "Don't cheer; these men are dying." The men who dare are the men who pray.

CHURCH IN RUSSIA ASSURED OF LIBERTY.

The reception accorded by Pope Benedict to the new Russian Minister to the Holy See on the occasion of the formal presentation of his credential letters was of the most cordial character. M. Lissakovsky assured his Holiness, on behalf of his government, that its promise to give complete freedom to the Catholic Church in Russia was made with the utmost sincerity; and mentioned, as one tangible proof of that sincerity, the fact that Bishop DeRoop of Vilna has been promoted to the Archbishop of Mohilew, and Metropolitan of all Russia—a position which has been vacant for many years owing to the difficulties placed by the former regime in the way of filling it. Morning light is 10 to 30 percent stronger than that of the afternoon.

Late News of Ireland

Carlow. The late Rev. J. Foley, Kilconey, Borris, left £482, bequeathing £225 to his housekeeper, Katherine Bourke; \$235 for masses; and £20 to Father Champion, Kildare. Mrs. R. W. Cleare, cashier, in Bank of Ireland, Bagenalstown, has been transferred, on promotion, to Carlow. Married—At St. Patrick's, Killenny, by the Rev. Father Carroll, eldest son of the late Patrick and Mrs. Keane, Ballycoriah, Ballinalacally, Co. Clare, to Bridie, fifth daughter of the late James and Mrs. Keane, Clenmorran, Killenny. Joseph O'Leary, son of D. J. O'Leary, Bantry, who passed his final in the first division at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra, was awarded a cash prize of £10 for meritorious answering. By 73 votes to 12 given for Dr. O'Hea, Cussen, Cork Guardians appointed Dr. D. Horgan eye specialist. Married—Michael J. Cogan, L. P. S. I., Whitepoint, Queenstown, to Josie Sisk, Carrignafay, Queens-town. Died—Joseph Ahern, Lehenagh—James Barrow, Glantane, Lombardstown. Dublino. Blackrock, U. D. C., on the motion of Mr. Garvey, seconded by the chairman, co-opted by 12 votes to 6 J. Healy in place of C. M. Byrne, disqualified for absence. Died—At private nursing home Dublin, Rev. Patrick Kane, C. C., Monomalin.—At Nutstown, Garritown, Patrick McKeown.—At the House of St. John of God, Dinan, France, Joseph (in religion Brother Thomas), fourth son of Edward and Mrs. Mahoney, of Monaloe House, Cabinteely, late of Kingstown. Kerry. The dead body of Rev. H. Kerwin, P. P., Boherue, was found in a kneeling position at his bedside by his housekeeper and one of his curates. A large meeting of Gaelic league delegates at Ennis, Rev. Father Breen, P. P., presiding, approved of the scheme of organization drafted by the Ard-Fheis, and recommended the Coiste Gnótha to appoint Eamonn Waldron, Ennistymon, as sub-organizer for the county. Tipperary. Mr. John C. Troy, son of Mr. Christopher Troy, Patrick street, Limerick, has been awarded the City of Limerick scholarship for the present year, value £50. Married—At St. Joseph's church, Limerick, with nuptial Mass and Papal Blessing, by Rev. J. J. Hannon, S. J., assisted by the Rev. J. Humphreys, P. P., and Rev. A. Humphreys, C. C., cousin of the bride; Rev. Father Condon, C. C., Tipperary, and Rev. P. Spain, C. C., Castleconnell, Patrick, son of Edmund and Mrs. Hogan, Bank place, Tipperary; to Teresa—(Tess)—daughter of Patrick Ryan, Raheen house, Lisnagry. Mayo. The furnishing warehouse of Mr. M. Sloyan, Kiltinagh, was recently destroyed by fire. Tipperary. Mr. Charles Treston, Cloontrist, Claremorris, has been appointed a J. P. Rev. N. Walsh, C. C., SS. Peter's and Paul's, Clonmel, has been appointed P. P., St. Patrick's, Waterford. Most Rev. Dr. Hearty has ordained Rev. T. Lambé, Hillford, Tipperary, for the diocese of Ross. The Rev. M. Ryan, P. R., Knockavilla, was elected president of the Co. Tipperary Coiste Ceanntair, and Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, St. Patrick's College, Thurles, and the chairman, vice president. The chairman was also appointed honorable secretary, and F. O'Meara, Tipperary, hon. treasurer. Died—Miss Nell Quinn, Templemore.—John Dooley, Piskane, States by 8,000 miles.

Foreign Mission News

The Propagation of the Faith Society 348 Lexington Ave., New York City. MGR. CRIMONT'S VICARIATE. We know that Mgr. Crimont, S. J., was made Vicar Apostolic of Alaska last July, but perhaps we do not know much about the people over whom he exercises a pastoral care. There are two distinct races inhabiting the great polar empire—the Indian and the Eskimo. Of the former there are several tribes who dwell in the south-eastern portion of Alaska and one tribe, known as the Tinneh, whose district extends along the upper Yukon. The Eskimos are coast dwellers in the strictest sense of the term. Their villages are invariably located along the seashore. The earth is a cruel parent to her polar children, yielding nothing whatsoever for their support, while the sea supplies all their needs; hence their faithfulness in remaining in its immediate vicinity. As the language of the Tinneh Indians and the Eskimos are entirely different, naturally the Jesuit missions in Alaska developed into two distinct divisions. Years of toil, of bodily suffering and mind-racking solitude begin to bear full fruit. Already the glory of the spiritual aurora borealis bursts upon the world's vision and a full-fledged Church steps forth in majesty. THE SILVER LINING TO THE CLOUD. There are two large leper asylums near Canton, situated on an island just outside of the city. The shelter for men has about seven hundred patients; the women's hospital about two hundred. The missionary in charge of the former is also chaplain for the latter, and he says of his experience: "After eight years in the interior of the province I was called upon by my Bishop to take up my residence among the lepers. I accepted, thinking that my life was thenceforth to be a sort of purgatory on earth. I was mistaken, for never have I felt myself more of a missionary than among my poor lepers. To be sure, the life is not an easy one, but so many spiritual delights are daily offered me that I forget the miseries incident to the position. For example: "About a month ago I was called at nine o'clock in the evening to see a little girl who was dying. Hastening to her bedside, I saw the emaciated form, apparently almost lifeless, with arms rigid and eyes half glazed. Suggesting some good thoughts to the poor creature, all that could be done, I hastily baptized her under the name of Clare. "Hardly was the ceremony finished, when the child began to smile, her eyes became clear and she suddenly sat upright in bed. The Sisters present gasped in wonder, feeling almost as if they were looking upon a ghost. The child looked at the group surrounding her in surprise as if astonished to see so many persons at her bedside. Then she turned to me, and with an angelic expression said sweetly, 'Thank you, Father; you have a kind heart.' Such consolations make me bless my Maker for having given me the lepers to care for." Do not forget that this is the month of November, dedicated to the Poor Souls, and that our Society is empowered by the Holy Father to receive Mass Intentions and distribute them among the Missionaries, to whom they are of great help in the pursuit of their labors. "We are living at a time when heroism is the order of the day. Let your souls be uplifted to the height of this heroism. Give, devote yourselves; be better, more fervent, truer Christians. Be apostles by helping the Apostles." The Panama Canal shortens the sea journey between the east and west coast of the United States by 8,000 miles.

GUARDIANS OF LIBERTY ACTIVE AS SPONSORS OF PREJUDICIAL LAWS.

This is No Time For False Security.

A recent meeting of the Guardians of Liberty held in Chicago on Oct. 19th is of interest because of several features which were brought to our notice from first hand observation. This meeting of Court No. 5 of that Society was held at Grace M. E. Church, cor. LaSalle and Locust St. This fact throws a peculiar light on the makeup of the forces at work against the Church and is in itself a telling comment on the quality of the feathers of the birds who there flocked together. The meeting itself was taken up by an opening address made by the Presiding Officer of Court No. 5 in which he spoke on the principles upon which the Order is founded, Patriotism, Love of Country, Upholding of the Constitution and the Instruction of the members in the intelligent fulfillment of their civic duties. Democracy, Autocracy, Divine Right were served up in abundance and without further explanation. One of the audience assures us that: "The undercurrent of his address was unquestionably elimination of a certain organization, a certain institution which is undermining the institutions of our country." The chief attraction of the occasion however was an address of a certain "Rev." R. Keene Ryan, who, as the Menace in an advance notice of the meeting tells us, "is grand chaplain of the Masonic Order for the State of Illinois and a very prominent Organism." The tenor of his speech was first of all a very modest disclaimer for any personal merit in braving the threatened dire-punishment of certain violent parties who took exception to certain attacks of his on a certain institution. He would do his duty come what may. The gentleman must be fond of Pickwick Papers. Then too for the edification of his hearers he would have them remember that he is doing his bit for the government serving, it is said, as a member of the Exemption board for his district. For the rest he held forth at length on the merits of the public school as the bulwark and strength of our institutions, as the fountain of loyalty and devotion to the flag. Fervently he hoped for the day when Catholic parents would realize this paramount truth and do as every patriot has done in the matter of providing a proper education for their children. The choicest morsel served at this intellectual orgy was the announcement of the chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Guardians that the Free Text Book Bill advocated in Illinois had been introduced into and sponsored in the Legislature by the Guardians of Liberty. It had gone through its second reading but had been killed in Committee owing to the vigorous action of a Catholic layman as representative of an active Catholic organization. He bade the sympathetic hearers take heart, for there were hopes of better success next time. All of which bids us be up and doing our bit of watchful waiting. For we are very gravely in error if we think that now, being at war, the attention of our enemies is diverted from us. Rather we should know are they using this very time of confusion and turmoil to fish in murky waters, to improve our concentration on protestations of loyalty and heralding of our patriotic bit to our own undoing. That this is so is evidenced by a little leaflet circulated at the above mentioned meeting and entitled "Catholics Condemn themselves," "admit every charge brought against the Church." In it are very cleverly turned against us many quotations taken from their contexts and made to make us seem utterly out of touch with and even opposed to our American form of Government. It behooves us certainly now more than ever to hedge our words with common sense and a sense of self-respect in our pro-

essions of devotion to our country that we are not open to the suspicion that our loyalty issues as it should be, a matter of course but something which needs large publicity to make it accepted.

A further proof that our foes are on the alert and doing things is the fact, which we must honestly admit, that the Menace has of late improved both in editorial acumen and skill and in making. If we are asleep at the switch they may succeed in side-tracking us or derailing us.

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CATHOLIC NEWS NOTES.

Domestic. The Sacred Congregation of Rites has restored to the priests of the diocese of Brooklyn the right, under certain conditions, to celebrate Mass in black vestments twice a week. In Davenport, Ia., during the vacation, St. Ambrose College was improved by heavy outlays of money, additions were made to the faculty. In the Archdiocese of Boston four parochial schools have a registration of from 2,065 to 2,618 pupils; 13 from 1,042 to 1,866; and 18 of from 725 to 977. Mgr. C. A. O'Hern, D. D., the present rector of the Pontifical American College, Rome, belongs to the Archdiocese of Chicago, and was born at Lawrence, Kan., and is in his 86th year. Eighteen Sisters of Charity of Mt. St. Vincent on the Hudson celebrated their golden jubilee a few days ago. The dedication of St. Anne's Church, Somerset, Wis., was attended by seven thousand people who came from a radius of fifty miles. The new Provincial of the American Marists is the Very Rev. H. de la Chappelle, resident at Washington. The Ancient Order of Hibernians is engaged in raising a splendid fund of one million dollars to be used in taking care of the families of its members who are in the army. Bishop O'Reilly, of Baker City, Ore., is now in his fifteenth year as Ordinary of that See. The Church property at Baker City is valued at \$400,000 and has no debt encumbrance. The newly appointed Cardinal Protector of the Franciscan Friars at Oldenburg, Ind., is Cardinal Merry del Val, succeeding the late Cardinal Falconio. Foreign. The new secondary-school regulations in England stricken Catholic schools. In Rome a feeling prevails that peace will be declared by next Christmas. At Kandy, in the Island of Ceylon, Pope Leo XIII founded in 1893 a seminary and placed it under the care of the Jesuit Fathers. It has already given over 100 priests to the Church in India. Rt. Rev. Dr. Donald Chisholm, of Heatherton, Nova Scotia, and recently made a Domestic Prelate, died before his investiture, as such, could take place. The Fathers of St. Viateur are erecting in Montreal, Canada, a \$300,000 school for the deaf. The petition circulated among the Catholics of France that the image of the Sacred Heart be placed on the national flag, was circulated without the sanction of the ecclesiastical authorities. We are now located at No. 470 Main Street East, 4th floor.