

A JESUIT'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

(NOTES BY "CRUX.")

The United States Catholic Historical Society has published in book form the autobiography of the late Rev. Father Augustus J. Thebaud, S.J., in which a story of his experiences in the second quarter of the last century are given.

Here are a few extracts from his autobiography as summarized by the Sun. It was in Oct., 1838, that he sailed for America.

NEW YORK SIXTY YEARS AGO.

"New York at that time had about 300,000 inhabitants and Brooklyn about 25,000. He recalls how different was the outward aspect which the city of New York then presented from that which it exhibits to-day.

ARISTOCRACY AND STAGES.

"Father Thebaud soon discovered that all along the Atlantic coast there was an aristocracy of birth. In New England it comprised the descendants, real or pretended, of the Puritan founders of the Eastern colonies.

embraced the Knickerbockers, i. e., the posterity of the Dutch founders of New Amsterdam and Fort Orange.

"Having spent three days in New York, Father Thebaud started for Philadelphia on his way to St. Mary's College in Marion County, Ky.

SLAVE OWNERS AND SLAVES.

"Very much of these interesting notes we must skip, for lack of space, but there are a few remarks that deserve special attention; those concerning slavery and those touching on religious prejudices.

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A Trappist Monastery In Japan.

Japan is hardly the sort of country in which one expects to find a Trappist monastery, yet there is such a monastery near Hakodate, the principal port of Hokkaido.

POPE AND PILGRIMS.

When the members of the English pilgrimage and several British Catholics in Rome, numbering in all about 300 persons, were received in audience by the Pope recently, His Holiness walked along the line of kneeling pilgrims, giving each his hand to kiss, and addressing a few words to some.

PATENT REPORT.

Below will be found a list of Canadian patents granted to foreigners through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, Patent Attorneys, Montreal, Canada, and Washington, D.C.

SAINTS OF THE MONTH.

eleventh to St. Francis Jerome, a Confessor; the twelfth, the Ascension—a feast of obligation; the thirteenth to St. John the Silent, Bishop; the fourteenth to St. Boniface, martyr; the fifteenth to St. John Baptist de la Salle; the sixteenth to St. Ubald, Bishop; the seventeenth to St. Pascal Baylon, Confessor; the eighteenth to St. Winaud, martyr; the nineteenth—the Octave of the Ascension; the twentieth, to St. Bernardine of Siena; the twenty-first, the vigil of St. Hospitius, recluse; the twenty-second, Pentecost; the twenty-third, to Blessed Andrew Bolea; martyr; the twenty-fourth to St. Vincent of Lerj, Confessor; the twenty-fifth to St. Gregory VII, Pope; the twenty-sixth to St. Philip Neri, confessor; the twenty-seventh to St. Bede the Venerable; the twenty-eighth to St. Augustine, Bishop; the twenty-ninth to the Most Holy Trinity; the thirtieth to Our Lady Help of Christians; and the thirty-first to St. Angela of Merici, virgin.

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bull. There are also seven or eight horses, all of them Japanese; that is to say, by no means famous, and mostly used for ploughing.

Here in Kokkaido the Trappists lead the same severe life as they lead in Europe, living only on vegetables, fruit and bread; working six hours a day with their hands, and getting up at two in the morning to pray.

A final touch and I am done. While walking with the guest-master on the day of my departure among the waving corn-fields I came suddenly on the cemetery. It is as yet only twelve feet square, for it contains only one grave, at the head of which is planted a wooden cross, painted white, with a low fence running around it.

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QUID PRODEST?—St. Paul's question, "What availeth a fact?" is strongly suggested by these facts and reflections. In the "Imitation" a like question is asked, and the "Quid bono" of the old Latins has its Christian significance.

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