

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

Music has been found to exert a very perceptible effect upon the respiration and circulation of animals as well as of human subjects.

Scouring Effect of Water.—An engineer states that the scouring effect of a stream increases as the sixth power of the velocity, so that a river having a velocity six times as great as another will be able to transport material weighing 46,656 times as much as that carried by the slower streams. In engineering calculations it is commonly recognized that a stream flowing three inches per second barely affects fine clay; six inches per second will raise fine sand; twelve inches per second will sweep along fine gravel; twenty-four inches per second will carry pebbles an inch in diameter; thirty six inches per second—or about two miles per hour—will push forward fragments the size of an egg.

Crows have been known to free themselves from parasites by standing over an ant-hill and allowing the ants to destroy the troublesome vermin.

The Aurora's Height. Many attempts have been made to fix the height of the aurora borealis, but the estimates have given a discouragingly wide range of figures. The aurora has been observed when it seemed to rest on the earth's surface, and at other times has appeared simultaneously at stations so widely separated that it has been supposed to be 200 or 300 miles high. In experiments with his powerful voltaic battery, practical demonstrations of the effect of electrical discharges in rarefied air were made by Dr. De la Rue. These forced him to the conclusion that thirty-eight miles is probably the height at which the most brilliant auroras take place, that a pale and faint glow may possibly be produced as high even as eighty-two miles, but that at a height of 124 miles no auroral discharge is possible.

In coffee growing countries an infusion of the leaves of the tree is held by many to be superior to the infusion the berry. The probable value of the dried leaves as an article of commerce has been suggested.

OUR HEROIC PRIESTS.

A Lutheran minister writes the following beautiful letter regarding our Catholic priests to the 'Deutsche Landes Zeitung':

Pope Gregory VII. was well aware of what he was doing when he enforced with unrelenting strictness the celibacy though already prescribed by the old canon laws of the priests in the Roman Church. Yes, we Evangelical pastors are great in words, and whoever overhears us in our private circle must obtain the highest idea of our courage; even whosoever hears us at our conference should become terrified at our energy. But if it depends to transfer our words into actions, if it depends to make head against the world, and to cover with our bodies that flag which we have held up so defiantly but shortly before, then our souls fall to the ground, our courage to ashes. Here wife and children cry. "Let not that happen to you!" there, over anxious friends will come. But what determines the whole issue is that our courage is artificial, and that it is wanting in solid background. The Catholic clergyman knows that God has placed real objects in his hands, but we dispose only of words. With us rhetoric has overgrown all; we are preachers, but we should be priests also; of that we hardly have the presentiment. Many a nobly educated mind is driven into the bosom of the Roman Church on account of this contradiction.

The Church is in her whole nature a militant one, and it lies in the nature of the thing itself that her priests must fight in the foremost ranks. But how much those warriors not bound to this life by wife or children excel their married comrades in courage and disdain of death is evident enough. A glance at the Roman priests of the present age proves how well Gregory understood the nature of his Church, and with what certainty he made calculations for her. The band of Roman priests is a band of heroes. They wage the war forced upon them by the present state of worldly affairs with an uninterrupted fire, reminding one of the old Roman legions.

With amazement the world look upon those men, who cannot be compelled by any force whatsoever to do anything contrary to the regulations of their Church. They allow themselves to be driven from office and from their tables, they allow themselves to be cast into prison and, uncurbed, they persevere, and repelled to day, they will be found tomorrow at their old posts. They are priests, they are warriors, they are men.

It is not the least prerogative of the Roman Church that in her are to be

found priests, that is men of deeds and not of rhetoric or words alone. A half year may have passed since the terrible news reached us that a French vessel ran into a Spanish steamer in the darkness of the night, and sank beneath the stormy waters in ten minutes with passengers and crew. While the flood burst into the ship and startled from their sleep the unfortunate passengers, who gathered in wild disorder upon the deck the one weeping, the other praying, the third staring in silent despair, a Catholic clergyman hastened from one group to another, announcing to all contrite of heart pardon of their sins in the name of God, before whose judgement seat they should appear in a few moments thereafter! Praise your generals who in the battle's tumult present their bosoms to the hostile bullets, extol your statesmen who with tranquil eye look into the barrel of the pistol raised against them by an assassin: compared with the priest they must step into the dark. Where all have lost their presence of mind he is calm; where all shudder at the open grasp of death, he reaches up with safe hands into heaven and offers life to the dying.

And among one hundred clergymen of the Roman Church we find ninety-nine equal to this. Among one hundred clergymen of the Evangelical Church we might perhaps, find one.

You will find no contradiction existing between the idea of the Church, its clerical offices, and the matter-of-fact state of both. Condemn them, this we cannot do.

Is this not an honorary wreath wound for the heads of the Catholic priests those faithful to the Church? And this wreath is wound by the opposing party! Remember this well.

FAMILY WORSHIP.

From the Pastoral Letter of the Plenary Council of Australia

We beg you all to place your children early in their childhood, at good Catholic schools, and to endeavor, by every means in your power, to keep them there in constant attendance. The child whose early years have been spent in a well ordered Catholic home, and in regular and healthy attendance at a good Christian school, has made the best preparation towards meeting the temptations and dangers which beset the manhood years of all.

The work of the day for parents and children should begin with morning prayer. God, in the old law, commanded His chosen people to offer to Himself in recognition of His supremacy, the first annual fruits of the earth. The same God expects, in similar recognition from every Christian the first waking thought of the morning, the first homage of the heart resuming its daily consciousness. When possible, morning prayer should be a common duty of the household. The few minutes it requires can be easily secured. The benefits, to parent and child, derivable from it are great in the present and incalculable in the future. When at night the Almighty again gathers the members of a home beneath the family roof tree all should before retiring to rest, join in that beautiful prayer which strings, one by one, the most appealing scenes of Christ's life on the thread of the rosary beads. The words brought down from Heaven by an angel; the imagery coming straight from Bethlenam and Calvary, and Olivet. The prayers asking protection for the present and for the hour of death and the gentle spirit of affection to Blessed Mary, which softens and sweetens the whole, should endear the devotion of the Holy Rosary to every Catholic family. We believe that the father and mother who frequently neglects evening household prayers are guilty of a serious dereliction of their duty, as well towards themselves as towards the Christian training of their children. And we are satisfied, on the other hand, that evening prayer and rosary, said constantly in common, cannot fail to instil piety and faith into children, till these latter become a second nature to them. In long after years, perhaps in far distant lands, and in very perilous circumstances, they will take a more than mother's place. The memory of the night prayer in the cottage home of one's parents and one's childhood will speak with willingness all his own, and be listened to for good, when the priest's voice is not heard, or if heard; is not heeded. Catholic brethren, you who give so generously to build your noble churches, and who so love to see your temples fair and decorous, remember that your little one's first lesson in piety and virtue is your own example, and their first initiation into common worship, your household prayer. If in the former you neglect them the deepest abyss of the sea would be better than the lot which

awaits you.

What we have been saying of household prayer leads us to its more elevated form—Sunday worship. Mount Calvary, as the altar on which the one stupendous sacrifice worthy of God and satisfying His justice was offered, is to us the most important scene of Christ's work on earth. Through it the promised pardon was realized, and from it all His Sacraments derive their strength. So also the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass—the continuation of Calvary—is the one holocaust left to us by the Saviour, to perpetuate and keep living His Act of Redemption. It primarily, and in a certain sense alone keeps open the intercourse between Heaven and earth, re-established by Him. As Christ did not change or cancel the commandment "Thou shalt not kill," and "Thou shalt not steal," so neither did He or His Church abolish the order to "Keep holy the Sabbath day." This last quite as fully as the others, retains to-day all its original authority. The form which that "keeping holy" is principally to take, is the sacrifice of the Mass. And that is the ordination, not of man, but of Him Who says; "This is My Blood, which shall be shed for you and many unto the remission of sins. . . do ye this in commemoration of Me."

This obligation of sanctifying it thus, is well understood by you. We exhort you to be faithful in fulfilling it, and to bring up your children in the same practice. With far more fervor and reality than the Prophet in the Old Testament, we may cry out—"There is no nation under Heaven which has its God so near to as our God is nigh unto us!" The Mass is, as we have said, the perpetuation of Calvary. In it are present the very blood there shed, and the body there immolated. For you and yours, for the living and the dead belonging to you, that precious blood is there being poured out, and that sacred body is there being offered. What an invitation to you to be present! What an opening for pardon, and what an opportunity for grace!

The solemn moment called of "Consecration" is placed by God's saints in the most precious setting of the church's liturgy. The Angels and the Apostles and martyrs are invoked; the words of Christ, as the Holy Ghost has penned them down in the Gospels, are read, and into that saintly assemblage, that Holy of Holies, you are invited.

The Catholic, who, unless prevented by aserious obstacle, absents himself from Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of obligation, is guilty of a grievous sin. His omission is a grave disobedience, to that Church to which Christ has said; "He that hears you hears Me, and he that despises you despises Me." It is also a contempt of God's greatest mercy and a very serious neglect of the means of salvation.



MAIL CONTRACT

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W. W. McLeod,
Post Office Inspector
Post Office Inspector's Office, Winnipeg, Sept. 18, 1886.

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Beef, hind quarters, per 100 lb.	52 to 58
Veal, roast	12 1/2 to 14
Veal, chop	15 to 18
Pork, roast	10 to 12
Pork, corned	10 to 12
Port, farmer, per 100 lb.	5 50 to 6 00
Mutton, roast, per lb.	12 1/2 to 15
mutton, leg	15 to 18
mutton chop	15 to 18
Ham	14 to 15
Breakfast bacon	12 to 15
Lard	8 to 11
Lard, per pall	2 25 to 3
Sausage	10 to 12
Bologna sausage	12 1/2 to 15
Shanks	3 to 4
Liver	15 to 18
Kidney	15 to 18
Head cheese	10 to 12
Heart	12 1/2 to 15
Tongue	12 1/2 to 15
Chickens, per lb (dead)	6 to 10
Eggs, per dozen	25 to 30
Butter, per lb	25 to 30
Chickens (alive young) per pair	30 to 35
Chickens (alive, old) per pair	40 to 50
Turkeys, per lb	15 to 20
Geese, per lb	12 to 15
Prairie Chickens, per brace	40 to 6
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WHOLESALE MEAT AND CATTLE MARKET.

100 cow	25 00 to 40 00
Working oxen, per yolk in demand	90 00 to 140 00
Live cattle, per lb.	3 to 3 1/2
Calves	5 00 to 8 00
Pigs, per 100 lb	8 50 to 9 75
Holl bacon, per 100 lb	13 to 18
Hams	13 to 18
Pork, per barrel	15 50 to 16 00
Beef, per barrel	12 00 to 13 18
Corn, per doz.	15 to 20
Cucumbers, per doz.	40 to 20
Ducks	20 to 25
Eggs, per doz.	25 to 27

FISH.

Wholesale, per lb.	4 1/2 to 5 1/2
Retail, per lb	8 to 10 1/2

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, per bush.	40 to 7 50
Beets, per doz.	30 to 40
Dried onions, per bushel	2 00 to 2 50
Turnips, per bush	25 to 30
Cabbage, each	6 to 8
Peas, per doz.	40 to 50
Sage, per doz.	40 to 50
Carrots, per doz.	40 to 50
Parsnips, per doz.	40 to 50
quash, each	10 to 20

FRUIT.

Cranberries, per barrel	10 to 10 00
California Pears, per box	4 25 to 50 00
Grapes, per lb, Ontario	10 to 12
Lemons, per box	7 00 to 8 07
Oranges, per box	8 00 to 8 50
Apples, per barrel	8 25 to 8 55
Ripe tomatoes, per bushel	2 25 to 3 55
Green tomatoes, per bushel for pickling	1 80

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay	3 0 to 4 50
Straw	2 00
Timothy	8 00 to

WOOD.

Poplar cordwood	3 75 to 4 00
Tamarac	5 00 to 5 50
Poplar poles, per cord	3 50 to 3 50

GRAL.

Oats, per bushel	32 to 25
Barley, per bushel	30 to 40
No. 1 hard wheat	80
No. 2 hard wheat	84
No. 1 Northern	55
No. 2 Northern	50
No. 1 regular wheat	00
No. 2 regular wheat	00
No. 3 regular wheat	00
Rejected	00 to 00
Flour, XXXX	1 70
Flour, superfine	1 55 to 1 40

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