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ROME

Rome, Feb. 11.—This evening the "Osservatore Romano" publishes the Latin text and its Italian translation...

It is manifestly impossible to touch here on the many most interesting themes and expressions of affection to the Blessed Virgin furnished by this lengthy Letter...

But the principal reason for which this coming festival should excite a singular fervor in the minds of Christians is for him—the restoration of all things in Christ.

Towards the end of the Letter the Pontiff, in order that heavenly graces may abound more plentifully, and following the example of his predecessors, has determined to concede an extraordinary indulgence in the form of a Jubilee to the Catholic world.

peace and concord between Christian princes, for the peace and unity of all the faithful, and according to the intention of the Pontiff. The ordinary conditions of fasting and of receiving the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist are, of course, also enjoined.

On Tuesday last, at the Palace of the Cancellaria, the Commission of Sacred Archaeology held a meeting. Amongst the speakers were Monsignor Wilpert, the learned author of the "Paintings of the Catacombs"; Commendatore Orazio Marucchi, the distinguished writer on Christian Archaeology, and Rev. Father Bonaventura, of the Society of Jesus.

On the Via delle Sette Chiese—road of the Seven Churches—which goes from St. Paul's beyond the Walls to the Via Ardeatina, and near to the Catacombs of St. Calixtus, it was known—from notes made by the archaeologist Boldetti in a book of his of the year 1720—that there existed the Catacombs of Saint Comodilla, in which was the crypt of the martyrs Felix and Adauctus.

Amongst the distinguished visitors to Rome who witnessed the offering of candles to the Holy Father on the Feast of the Purification were: Dr. and Mrs. Monahan, of Mount Bellew, Galway, Ireland. Dr. and Mrs. Monahan (the lady is niece to the Bishop of Elphin) had taken in Rome on their wedding tour.

was also a picture of St. Felix arrayed as a priest, and another of St. Adauctus in the dress of a soldier; and besides these, a picture of the Blessed Virgin. Boldetti relates that eight days after he had discovered the chapel the vault of it fell in. So well had he determined its position, as Marucchi writes in his "Itinerary of the Catacombs," that it might be easily found again.

One hundred and seventy-five years later, in accordance with the advice of Marucchi, the Commission of Sacred Archaeology undertook excavations on the site of this antique underground chapel, under the soil of which graciously consented to the excavation in his grounds. Baron Rodolfo Kauzler directed the search, which was soon crowned with success, for after a few days one of the "fossors," or excavators, penetrated through the mass of ruin and was enabled to see again one of the paintings discovered by Boldetti, and lost to sight for well nigh two centuries. When it thus became evident that this was the historical crypt sought after all the workmen were brought together—other labors being suspended—and set to work in clearing it out. In a short space of time the catacomb basilica of the two martyrs, adorned with paintings and having inscriptions in it, was brought to light.

The inscription of the crypt—according to the "Osservatore Romano's" account of the discovery—bears the abbreviated name "Auctus." The particular interest of the paintings, which are as vivid in colour as those of "Santa Maria Antiqua" in the Roman Forum, consists in the representation of the Saviour giving the keys to St. Peter. This picture belongs to the restoration made under Pope John, about the year 523; it is the first representation of this subject in painting.

On the occasion of the Feast of St. Agata, the patroness of the Church of the Irish College, the Very Rev. Rector gave a dinner on Sunday last. Amongst the guests present on this occasion were: The Most Rev. Domenico Parri, titular Archbishop of Laodicea, and Secretary of the Congregation of Sacred Rites; the Most Rev. Robert Seton, titular Archbishop of Heliopolis; the Rectors of Colleges—Mgr. Kennedy of the American, Fraser of the Scots, Giles of the English, and Prior of the Beda Colleges; Rev. Robert O'Keefe, O.S.A.; the Father Guardian of St. Isidore's, of the Irish Franciscans; the Very Rev. Father Dowling, O.P., Prior of St. Clement's, Irish Dominicans; Rev. Father Cowley, of the Irish Carmelites; Rev. Thomas Esser, O.P., Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Index; Revs. Fathers Braudi and Bartoli, of the Society of Jesus; Revs. Ferrigi, Angelo, Stanislaw, Ernesto, Domenico, etc.

Amongst the laity: Mr. William Osborne Christmas; Mr. Burke, of Dublin; Mr. Matthews, Oakland, California; Chevalier St. John Gaffney, New York; Mr. Cyran, Mr. Croke, Dr. J. J. Eyre, etc.

Amongst distinguished persons recently received in audience by Pope Pius X. were M. and Madame Goyan. M. Goyan is one of the able Catholic writers of France who, with an ability of the highest order, devote their energies to showing what civilization owes to the Church and the Papacy. Madame Goyan is, perhaps, better known under her maiden name, Mdlle. Lucie/Felix Faure, daughter of the late President of the French Republic. Her very interesting volume on Cardinal John Henry Newman, and her work on the women in Dante's "Divina Commedia," have made her name known as that of a clear thinker and a charming writer all over literary Europe and America.

FRANCE

Progress is being made with the project of building a Basilica—like that of Montmartre, to be served by the Oblates, on the hill over Brussels, called the Koekelberg—a splendid situation, with a rustic background. The Belgian Bishop will call for subscriptions for the work in their Lenten Pastors.

The King of the Belgians has already subscribed £1,000 and two leading statesmen have given a similar sum. The Redemptorists continue to maintain a bold and firm attitude, like the Barnabites of Paris, in presence of M. Combes and his myrmidons. Father Riblier, formerly Superior of the Redemptorists at Sables d'Olonnes, on the French western coast, is still in conflict with the Government bailiff who has to collect fines and taxes. This emergency person wanted Father Riblier to notify to the Redemptorists who had proceeded against the fines to which they had been condemned. The venerable Redemptorist replied that his brethren were no longer with him. Three lodged in the towns so as to avoid judicial proceedings, and the others "have gone to countries where they find much more liberty than in France."

Father Riblier facetiously added that he could send the notifications to the Redemptorists who have gone to the lands of liberty but, unfortunately from the bailiff's point of view, he was not a local, Parisian, or International postman, nor did he see why he should render such a service to the Government which the bailiff so worthily represented. The bailiff has threatened to have recourse to the gendarmes, but Father Riblier says that he does not mind the gendarmes in the least, and that he would rather enjoy going to prison.

Too many eggs will make waffles tough instead of tender.

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The Pontiff and the Baltimore Fire

On the evening of the 10th instant the following telegram was received at Cardinal Gibbons' residence in Baltimore, from the Papal Secretary of State, Mgr. Merry del Val: "The Holy Father expresses to your Eminence, the clergy and laity of Baltimore, his heartfelt sympathy and fatherly interest in the great calamity which has overtaken the city and desires to know if your Eminence has suffered any harm by the dreadful conflagration."

As the Cardinal was in New Orleans visiting his brother, the message was transmitted to him there. In reply His Eminence thanked the Pontiff for his sympathy, telling him that no Catholic churches had been damaged and that no lives were lost in the fire.

Mayor McLane, of Baltimore, received the following telegram: "I hasten to communicate to you the following telegram which I have just received from His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, Secretary of State of His Holiness Pius X.:"

"Rome, February 10. "His Holiness, deeply moved by the news of the great calamity which has recently visited the city of Baltimore, desires your Excellency to convey to the honorable Mayor and the people of Baltimore, his sincere sympathy. He prays that they can stand the severe loss their city has suffered and that it will continue to prosper."

"CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL." I beg you, honorable Sir, to accept the expression of my deepest sympathy, and with sentiments of highest esteem I remain, D. FALCONIO, Apostolic Delegate.

March St. Nicholas

"A Tale of the Cannibal Islands," told by Herbert Baird Stimson in the March St. Nicholas, is a true story and relates an experience of the writer's father, the late William Stimson, who at the time was a naturalist to the North Pacific Exploring Expedition, who was later a member of the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Coffee and tea will be found to be greatly improved in flavor if kept in earthenware or china jars instead of tin boxes.

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May Engage Nuns to Teach An important decision that defeats the efforts of A.P.A. agitators in Rochester, N.Y., has lately been rendered by the Court of Appeals, which has affirmed the judgment of the lower courts in the James Sargent case in which that Rochester man sought to have the Rochester Board of Education restrained from paying the salaries of four Sisters of St. Joseph, who were teaching children in St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Orphan Asylums in secular subjects.

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