THE LITANY OF THE BLESSED immemorial, in all states of life, in all VIRGIN.

times, ucubtless, have we the Litany of the Blessed Our private devotion has fre-Many recited Virgin. Our private devotion has fre-quently suggested it to us, and often in its public recitation at church have we with prayerful heart an-swered, "Pray for us," to the invocations pronounced by the priest. Doubtless, too, the charm of its beauty has appealed to the soul sensitive to its significance and efficacy, but ignorant of any reason why such delightful effects should be produced. Latus lock beyond the mere words, and perhaps our minds will be opened to the apparent mystery. The invocations of any litany authorized by the Charch, much less of that of the Virgin. The invocations of any litany authorized by the Charch, much less of that of the Blessed Virgin, are not meaningless verbiage, words carelessly thrown to gether, indifferently picked out and senselessly applied. No, in them there is a depth of meaning on which we can cast even light but which we can is a depth of meaning on which we can cast some light, but which we can never completely fathom, and in them there is a pointedness and force of application on which it would be well for us to ponder. We purpose to offer to our readers some brief reflections on our dear Lady's Litany in the hope that the mind may be supplied with food for contemplation whilst the lips devoutly utter her praises; and also that devo-tion to the Holy Mother of God may be stirred up and increased in the faithful supereminent virtues. St. Gregory Nazianzen, remarkable for his singular Nazianzen, remarkable for his singular scholarship in things divine, spoke thus of St. Athanasius: "Praising Athanasius, I shall praise virtue; praising virtue, however, I shall praise God from Whom all virtue proceeds." How much more, then, do we glorify God when we honor His d voted Mother. In order to show and declare the moisety of Christ and stirred up and increased in the faithful children of the Church.

In olden times the word litany did not have the same meaning which is now attached to it. Being derived from the Greek, in which language it by means of the epithets contained in the Litany of the Our Lady, do we sing means supplication, it was employed to denote any form of public worship, so that even religions processions were called litanies. Later its meaning becalled litanies. Later its meaning be-came restricted to the sense of a form of prayer by which we sup-plicate God through the int rers sion of His saints, and hence we have the most ancient of all litanies, namely, that of the saints. When this restric-tion was first made cannot be ascer-tained with any degree of a on 0. 4 norm to know it. tained with any degree of accu a y, not can we place any exact time for the origin of the Litany of the Saints. It origin of the Litany of the Saints. It is not within the scope of our present purpose to enter into the dispute con-cerning it. Suffice it to say that its antiquity is manifest from the writings of the early Fathers, Irenenus, Basil, Ambrose, and others, all of whom make mantion of the practice of praving by How ungrateful would the online of the did she not offer to this special parton-ness and advocate some distinctive honor, worship and supplication; and in what better way could she manifest her love for the Mother of God than by the sanction and adoption of her Litmention of the practice of praying by invoking the intercession of the saints. Those who attribute it to St. Gregory the Great, Roman Pontiff at the close of the sixth century, mistake frequent use and propagation for origin. St. Gregory, knowing the efficacy of this form of prayer, and its power in appeasing the wrath of heaven, recom-mended it to be said whenever dangers or calamities of any kind threatened, or whenever heaven's special blessing was required upon the labors of men. And And so the particular occasions designated for the recitation of the Litany of the Saints in the Sacrifice of the Mass, and in the Divine Office, come down to us from St. Gregory the Great.

The collection of invocations which formed the nucleus of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin as we have it to day, most probably had its origin about the year 1300. It sprang almost spontane-ously from the devotion of the faithful assembled as pilgrims at the Holy House of Loretto, from which circumstance the litany is also called Litany of Loretto. litany is also called fitally of place in When the humble dwelling place in which the Angel Gabriel announced the Incarnation to Mary, and in which "the Word was made Flesh and dwelt amongst us," had been miraculously transported from Nazareth to the little village of the the start theorem of devout

Loretto in Italy, thousands of devout persons wended their way to the latter spot to behold the marvels of grace and mercy there enacted, and at the same time to do honor to her through whose undoubted intercession these wonders took place. Then in joy and gratitude they called upon the Queen of Heaven, using all her titles that were then known

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DEDICATION OF A NEW CHURCH AND CON-FIRMATION AT PARKHILL AND WILLIAMS. On Sunday last, Dec. 5th, the Right Rev. F. P. McEvay visited cfildially the parish of Parkhill and Williams. At 7:59 Sunday the Bishop celebrated Mass at Parkhill and ad-ministered first Communica. He then drove flye miles to Williams, where Mass was cele-brated by Rev P. Corceran of Seaforth, and confirmed eighteen candidates and erected new Sations of the Cross. At 11 oclock he was back at Parkhill, when Solemn H go Mass was celebrated by Rev. J. Scall-yr (Lon-don, R.v. P. Corcoran dearon, Kev D. Forster, Mount Carmel, subleacon, Rev. J. P. D ann, the pastor, master of ceremonies, the Bishop sesisting in cops and mitre. Atter the Mass the Bishop confirmed thirty five candidates who had been carfelly propared by their pastor and found well grounded in the knowl edge of their religion. He gave the candidates for confirmation in both churches scme sound, f. therly advice, and then preached to the over flywing congregation an elequent and impre-sive sermon on the du iss of parents and chil-dren. In both churches, he gave the temp racce religious, dignity or individual merit has been recognized, respected and honored. Now, we believe that the Blessed Virgin, as mother of Jesus Christ, is, in heaven, the nearest to tha adorable Trinity, that she ranks far above the other saints, that she is the "Queen of all Saints." How justly, then, is special honor due her, and how justly is she addressed by the titles and names which her beautiful Litany contains. Christ, our Lord, regards contains. Christ, our Lord, regards her with an affection dearer and mole deeply felt than that which He shows to the other saints, and therefore it is that her intercession has been so fruitful and her appeals so potent in a waken ing quick responses. Moreover, who that has contemplated

dres. Is both churches, he wave the temp rance pledge to the confirmed until they are twenty-one years of age, At 3 p m. the Bishop sasisted by the priceis blessed and erected handsome new stations of the cross which had b en donaied by the prishioners. In the evening at 7 p. m the church was wain filled by alarge congregation. Solemn Vespers were sung by Rev. D. Foreter, assisted by Rev. P. Corsoran and Rev. J. F. Stanley as descon and subdencon. The Bishop, in cope and mitre, was assisted by Rev. J. P. Dunn. and devoutly meditated upon the vir-tues of our dear Lady, has not felt him-self drawn more irresistibly to Christ and to a better understanding of His

After the "Magnificat." the Rev. P Corcor in preached a practical sermon, on the Mission

After the material series, on the Mission of Chris. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Kearns acted in Wil-liams as sponsors for the confirmation candi-dates and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dignan in Parkhill. The choir, under the direction of Miss Made-line Quarry, at Mass and Verpers, rendered very efficient service.

declare the majesty of Christ and His wonderful solicitude for our wel-fare, we are wont to designate Him by various titles, such as King, Pastor, Advocate, Saviour, Redeemer. So, too,

A MOVEMENT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

the praises, honor the virtues and im-plore the aid of her who is called most powerful, and whose dignity can by no combination of titles be suffic-iently declared; for such is her per fection that it is reserved to God alone to honor it.

DIRECTION. A' a meeting held in S. Peter's Hall, by'the formoon, a movement was started in the direction of Temperance. Temp trary cflicers were elected and the name of the Society de-debatig Upon of Terono. The proposed platform of the Society, which will receive the consideration of the members peter's Hall on D.y. Thi, is as follows: 1. To a started the society, which is a societ, the society of the peter's Hall on D.y. Thi, is as follows: 1. To a started the society of the society of the places. 3. Neither to treat nor to accept places. 4. To say a prayer every day for the case of temperance. The datholies of the city for sometime past was fail, not only for the case of rived from a general Literary Society of this kanong the Catholie men of the city. The movement d-serves the extend consider arion of every member of the Church, and all are on the set of the the the consider the nore the of the the the consider the nore the of the the consider the society of the set of the set of the city for sometime past the society of the set of the city. The movement d-serves the extend consider the nore the of the set of the city. The movement d-serves the set one denset of the set of the the the the the consider the nore the of the the the consider the nore the of the set one the set one of the set one the nore the one of the city. The movement d-serves the set meeting. Love is the strongest bond of union Love is the strongest bond of union between persons, and nothing welds this bond more firmly than care and guardianship on the one hand and gratitude on the other. The Church has been and daily is the recipient, through the Blessed Virgin, of extra-

and the strong arm of this protectress has often encircled the Church to shield her from impending disasters. How ungrateful would the Church be

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ence for her. When we give tongue to her perfections, we must necessarily feel the sincerest charity and benevol-ence for her, and from this affection there follows the greatest desire to promote her glory by devotion. From benevolence there springs ineffable de light, from delight thankful returns,

No. 3, mixed at 644c, on track, Toronto Oats contlaue frm; in tone: 33 to 334c for No. 1, white east, low freights, No. 2, 324c, low freights, 32c west. Rolled oats\$1 10 for eard of bags, and \$135 for barrels, on track. Toronta 25c more for broken lots here, and 40c more for broken lots outside. Pass, 65 to 66c for No. 2 west. Buckwheat 55 to 66c west. Butter, mark st unchanged, good demand for choice grades; offerings fairly large; creamery prints 21c to 22c; tubs, 19 to 30c; dium, 13c to 14c; inferior grades, 10 to 12c; dairy rolls, good to choice, 15 to 16c; me dium, 13c to 14c; inferior grades, 10 to 12c; dium, 13c to 14c; inferior grades, 10 to 12c; dium, 14 to 15c Eggs, continue firm in tone, new-laid nominal, 22; 23c; fresh 2/c at 21c; lime 20c. Cheese, stead; 103 to 103c for larze; 103 to 11c for twins. Hogs, live steady; \$4.\$5 for selecte; \$4 60 for lights and fats; dressed, steady to firm, at \$6.50 for heavy, and \$7 for choice butchers. steady : \$4.8 for selects : \$4.69 for lights and fats ; dressed, steady to firm, at \$5.50 for heavy, and \$7 for choice butchers. MONTREAL Montreal.! Date. 7. — Grain - The market for oats is about steady so far as prices are con-cerned, but the tone was firmer functions, and full prices are being realized. Duriveries are light, and stocks deficient to Duriveries are light. And stocks deficient to Duriveries are being at 55 for the duriver in a state being made at least from track to arrive i No 3 mixed being at 55 for the durive in No 3 mixed being at 55 for and batenta, 185 80 per bld. In bace; Ontario straight rollers, in bags, 25 to 25 5; in barrels, 550 to 35 50, and Winter wheat patents in barrels, 550 to 55 50, but the market is a shade easier. Shorts are scare and steady in price; Manitoba bran, in bags, \$11 to \$18; shorts. \$11 per ton : Outario bran in bulk. \$16 to \$17; shorts, \$19 to \$20; mouillie, \$26 to \$250; and at \$220 per bag (f 90 lbs, and barrels, \$4 65. Care-se market is quiet; these Ontario 10 to 10 stor. And at \$20 per bag (f 90 lbs, and barrels, \$4 65. Care-se market is quiet; there ontario 10 to 10 stor. Some some enquiry over the cable but no great busches results from it, because shippers thad it difficult to get builter. which they care to sinc fines results from it, because shippers thad it difficult to get builter gread is ar medulum, 19 to 19 ; Western dairy butter 15 to 16.



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to them. This nucleus, Pope Cle VIII. examined and approved, and pro-posed that it be recited publicly in all churches. It was unanimously received with undisguised pleasure, and since then its use has been frequently sanctioned and confirmed by the authority of Pontifis. Before the pontificate of Clement VIII, many and diverse litanies had been published and recited by the faithful. Clement, however, put a check upon the wanton use, in public, of unauthorized prayers, and forbade not only the future publication of litanies, but prohibited also public chanting in churches processions of those already the public and composed, making exception to the Litany of the Saints and that of the Blessed Virgin of Loretto. Thus it is seen that after the very ancient Litany of the Saints, only Our Lady's Litany was admitted and approved by the Church.

With regard to its form, we call for mercy first upon God and the Most Holy Trinity, as the Source, the Author and Giver of all graces, and then we invoke the intercession of the Blessed future. Virgin under her various titles, proper and metaphorical, thereby practicing beautiful, pious and an eminently rational devotion to the Mother of God.

And now if it be asked why a special litany is recited in honor of the Blessed Virgin, and why it has continually grown more and more in favor, we are sure that any devout Catholic could easily give the answer. However, let us dwell on three reasons generally us dwalf on three factors generally given, namely: the peculiar and transcendent dignity of the Mother of God; the special love for her which the Church has always fostered, and gratitude for her constant and unfailing protection.

It has always been the custom among It has always been the custom among peoples to give honorary titles to cer-tain persons, owing either to the ex-alted places occupied by them above their fellow beings, or to some inherent excellence which begets reverence in others. Thus, in the Acts of the Apostles is in recorded that St. Paul called others. Thus, in the Acts of the Apostles it is reported that St. Paul called Festus "most excellent," and, again, writing to the Colossians he speaks of Luke as "most dear." The Roman Pontiff. too, by reason of the dignity of his office as Vicar of Christ, is called "His Holiness;" and so on from time

needful (the love of God), is no doubt as superstitious as the magic by which the savage seeks to compel the power of his gods to his own profit. Still, when duly conditional and submissive, prayer for external favors is universally considered to be a legitimate ex-ercise of faith." This is something something worthy of reflection. The first aim of prayer looked upon as an exercise of religion is the interior life of the love of God — its difficulties, doubts, struggles, defeats and victories. We are bid to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; and without solicitude for external needs to leave solicitude for external needs to leave them to Providence. If we ask for anything in prayer besides spiritual gifts, our petition should be based on the belief that what we ask will ulti-mately aid spiritual development, and must be made with entire submission to the will of God. Providence knows we We do have need of external goods. have need of external goods. We do best to leave them silently to His care, reserving most of our prayer energy for the one thing needful. In the "Our Father" the words "Give us this day our daily bread," are less a petition than an expression of trustful indiffer-ence as to the temporal need of the

any, every invocation of which is a title of affection.

By the recitation of this Litany we

become more devoted to the Blessed Virgin. When we mention and call to

and this is the expression of our grati-tude to the Blessed Virgin for her great

majesty, her dignity and her wealth of

virtues. Let us recite the Blessed Virgin's Litany frequently and devout-

ly, and we may be certain of her assist-

WHAT TO PRAY FOR.

Father Tyrrell, S. J., in his latest book, Lex Orandi, says: "Prayer for

temporal favors that is not implicitly

a prayer for grace or that is not at

least made with a complete subordina-tion of every interest to the one thing needful (the love of God), is no doubt

ance in all trials of soul and body.

BORN. In Forest, on Nov. 7, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Addison, a son.

MARRIED. At the Church of the Sacred Hart. Mount Elgin, by the Rev. Father Concoily, Mr. John Duffy to Miss Ella Gaynor, both of that place

DIED. O BRIEN.-In this ci y ton Nov. 30th. Mrs. Ellen O'Brien, relict of the late John O Brien, sged one hundred and three. May her soul rest in peace! RAV - At Waterdown, on Nov. 23 Mr. Francia Ray, aged 81 years. May he rest in peace!

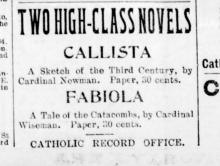
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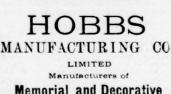
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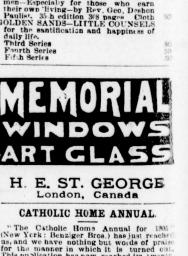
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