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ROME LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

ROME, May 18th, 1912.

It may be said, without fear of exaggeration, that the formation of a body for the avowed purpose of carrying out a bigoted program against the Catholics of America has lowered the United States considerably in the eyes of European countries. That such a foundation as that calling itself 'The Guardians of Liberty' should be established in a country that prides itself on the title of the 'Home of the Free' in the twentieth century, look most Europeans by surprise, though it was quite well understood that the spirit of the group of botches was anything but that of America, and the group of bigots had no such thing as a status in the Republic.

However all this has not prevented the United States from being pulled down from the pedestal of freedom and liberty on which three-fourths of Europe had placed the great Republic of the West. To the few who have seen that vile rag styled the Menace, the sheet seems to be nothing else than the Asino of America. Nothing is too sacred, too manly, too noble for attack in its lurid pages. And all in the name of liberty! Even the degraded Asino of Rome which lives on Masonic gold stealthily handed to it is more straightforward than this.

Over the signature of His Eminence Cardinal Gennari, Prefect of the S. Congregation of the Council, the following appears in the present issue of the Acta Apostolicae Sedis:—'Supplicating letters have reached the S. Congregation of the Council from many quarters praying earnestly that all or some of the feast days of the holidays of obligation which were suppressed by the Apostolic letter of July 2nd, 1911, might be restored to their former condition in order to satisfy the devotion of the people petitioning for it, and on account of other reasons peculiar to each locality. It was particularly asked that the Feast of Corpus Christi might be observed with a solemn procession and ceremonial, as before, on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, and this in a special way, because the people, who have been accustomed to hold this day as particularly solemn and to celebrate it with all due pomp, seemed to suffer the absence of the procession with a certain sadness of soul and spiritual detriment. Moreover Our Most Holy Lord Pope Pius X, to whom these facts were mentioned by the undersigned Cardinal Prefect of this S. Congregation, in his anxiety, lest, from a false interpretation of the letters referred to above, the piety of the faithful and the worship due to God should suffer in any way, and actuated by a desire to see both increase as far as possible, has commanded the following to be made public, ordered and conceded:—

(1) When after considering the circumstances that exist in this progressive age, the Sovereign Pontiff suppressed some of the holidays of obligation, just as had been done on more than one occasion by his predecessors, nothing was further from his mind than the suppression of the festival side of these days. His Holiness even wishes those days to be celebrated in the sacred edifices with a degree of solemnity not inferior to that which existed before, and, if possible, with no falling off in the attendance of the faithful. But it was and is His Holiness's intention to relax the obligation by which the people were bound to hear Mass and abstain from servile works, in order to prevent transgressions being committed against a precept of frequent occurrence, and also lest it should happen that whilst God would be honored by many he would be at the same time offended by some with grave injury to souls. Accordingly His Holiness has enjoined upon all having the care of souls to make these dispositions known to their flocks, and to earnestly exhort them to manifest even on those days their love for God and veneration of the saints, as far as they possibly could, especially by hearing Mass and taking part in other holy practices.

(2) And that the faithful may be more drawn to observe more piously the festival days mentioned above, the present letter concedes special facilities to all Ordinaries of dioceses to dispose their subjects from the law of fast and abstinence as often as a day of fast or abstinence should happen to fall on a feast, which, though not one of precept, is devoutly celebrated by a due number of people.

(3) Moreover, this letter enables Bishops of dioceses, when they think it is expedient, to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi with a solemn procession and accompanying ceremonies as heretofore on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, although it is

not a day of obligation; all things to the contrary notwithstanding. Given at Rome from the Secretariate of the S. Congregation of the Council, May 3, 1912. (Signed) G. CARDINAL GENNARI, Prefect. O. GIORDA, Secretary.

Notwithstanding the hostile manifestations against the war with Turkey that have characterized Socialist gatherings in Italy for some weeks, the enthusiasm of the people for victory daily increases. The public subscription opened in aid of the families of dead and wounded soldiers has passed five million francs; while that intended for the purchase of an aerial fleet to be presented to the Italian army has come to two millions. For the people of Italy are determined upon the humiliation of that anachronism of the age, the unspeakable Turk, whose hands the blood of so many Christians have reddened for the past fifty years. Though plenty of scope is given to the Socialists, 'the Turks of Italy,' to let off steam on the question, they are occasionally given a lesson on their absence of patriotism. Replying a few days ago to the Socialist group in the municipality of Venice, the Mayor voiced what may be termed the sentiments of all true Italians. 'Apropos of the war which Italy is carrying on against the Turks,' said the Chief Magistrate of the Queen of the Adriatic, 'let us not unite with the Turks. Let us rather unite with our brothers and express a hope that the struggle may end gloriously with victory for the Italian arms. Let peace of course come; but let it spell greatness and prosperity for Italy.' And though the Premier of the Chamber declared himself ready last week to form an alliance with the Socialists against the Catholics, he may feel quite certain that the people will for the future look with profound suspicion on that nationless organization, the Turks of Italy.

Information has reached Rome of the death of one of the most venerable figures in Europe, in the person of Bishop Mayer, confessor to the Emperor of Austria, chaplain to the Court of Vienna for fifty years and tutor to the family of Francis Joseph. Surrounded by his life-long friends the grand old priest has passed away in his eighty-fourth year, and with him die numberless secrets of public and private life in the Austrian Empire, for the knowledge of which the world would give a great deal. Bishop Mayer became chaplain to the Court of Vienna in 1860. From the outset the young Emperor showed much confidence in the young priest, whom he chose as his confessor and to whose care he confided the education of his children. During the long period passed by the Court Chaplain in the palace at Vienna his life was spent in retirement, and confined almost entirely to the bosom of the Imperial family; for he felt convinced the secrets he held precluded him from the general intercourse he could otherwise have enjoyed. Inscrutable as the Sphinx he fulfilled his duties day by day till the end came. For the Crown Prince Rudolf, whose suicide caused such consternation in Austria-Hungary, the aged tutor preserved a lasting affection. 'The letters written by the Prince as a boy, his toys and the pen with which Rudolf had learned to write were jealously kept by the chaplain. And perhaps the happiest hours in the twilight of his life were those when the Archduchess visited him in his room to listen to an anecdote of their brother and of their mother whose life the archbishop's dagger so cruelly ended at Geneva.'

Only one constantly watching the official promulgation from Rome of new dioceses, the division of old ones, the creation of vicariates and abbacies in various parts of the world can realize the wonderful progress made by the Catholic Church throughout the five continents. This week the Vatican bulletin proclaims the elevation of the Apostolic Vicariate of Brownsville, U. S. A., into the diocese of Corpus Christi, which shall cover the same extent of territory as before. It also defines the localities which the new diocese of Kearney, formerly part of Omaha, comprehends. These are Kearney, Rock, Garfield, Valley, Sherman, Buffalo, Cheyenne, Kimball, Banner, Scotts Bluffs, Sioux, Dawes, Box Butte, Morrill, Garden, Sheridan, Cherry, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, McPherson, Logan, Ouster, Blaine, Loup and Brown; included are parts of Dawson, Lincoln, Keith and Deuel.

NOTES.
The Most Rev. Dr. Mangan, Bishop of Kerry; the Most Rev. Dr. Gaughran, Bishop of Meath, and Very Rev. Father Rooney, P. P., Meath, have left Rome for Ireland.

On their departure the Irish Bishops were greeted at the depot by Very Rev. David Fleming, O. F. M., Consulor of the Holy Office, and Mgr. O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College.

The arrival of the warm weather in Rome marks the date for foreigners to take their vacation in cooler climes. On Monday Very Rev. Dr. Hagan, Vice-Rector of the Irish College, left for a short sojourn in Ireland.

At its meeting on Sunday, the Superior Council of the Celebration of the Centenary of the Feast of Constantine discussed several important matters in connection with the carrying out of the solemn event.

The Name of God in Shakespeare.

M. Micolet, in his 'Jeanne d'Arc,' says: 'I do not recollect to have seen the name of God in Shakespeare. If it is there at all, it is very rarely, and without a shadow of religious sentiment.'

A writer in America answers: 'This is unparadiseable. The most superficial glance ought to save any one from writing such nonsense. Mrs. Cowden Clarke and Mr. Bartlett, in their concordance of Shakespeare's plays, quote nearly one thousand passages where the name of God may be found in a Christian and devotional sense.' The second error: 'If it is there at all, it is very rarely, by chance and without a shadow of religious sentiment,' is as bad as the first. What, for instance, could be more pious, humble, reverential and thoroughly Catholic in its sentiment than Henry's prayer before the Battle of Agincourt? 'O God of Battles steel my soldier's hearts; Possess them not with fear; take from them now The sense of reckoning, if their opposed numbers Pluck their heart from them!—Not today, O Lord. Oh, not today, think not upon the fault My father made in compassing the crown! Richard's body have I interred new; And on it have bestowed more acornite tears Than from it issued forced drops of blood! Five hundred poor have I in yearly pay, Who twice a day their withered hands hold up Towards heaven, to pardon blood; and I have built Two chantries, where the sad and solemn priests Sing still for Richard's soul.'

'After the victory is won he gives all the glory to God: * * * O God, thy arm was here, And not to us, but to thy arm alone, Ascrib'd we all * * * Take it, God, For it is none but thine. * * * Come, go we in procession to the village; And be it death proclaimed through our host To boast of this, or take that praise from God Which is his only * * * Do we all holy rites: Let there be sung 'Non Nobis' and 'Te Deum'; The dead with charity enclosed in clay. * * *'

FRANCE.
The remaining members of the band which has terrorized France have been slain at a little villa called Le Petit Robinson. Their destruction was accomplished in a manner which is usually resorted to in dealing with savages. Seven hundred soldiers were employed to keep order while nineteen police officers did the shooting of the two bandits in the cottage. The previous encounter with their terrible leader, the demon chasseur, Bonnot, was on the grounds of a millionaire Socialist named Proustina. It was in Proustina's garage that Bonnot took refuge.

A coldness is beginning to manifest itself between Russia and France, and there is talk of a recall of Ambassadors, or at least of the individuals serving in both countries.—America.

'Father,' asked eight-year old Alice, returning home from school, 'are you good at punctuation?' 'Yes,' replied the father. 'Well, tell me, please, how would you punctuate, 'The wind blew a five dollar bill around the corner?' 'Why, daughter, I would simply put a period at the end of the sentence.' 'I wouldn't,' said Alice mischievously. 'I would make a dash after the five dollar bill.'

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Don't let worms gnaw at the vitals of your children. Give them Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup and they'll soon be rid of these parasites. Price 25c.

Mistakes made over the telephone are sometimes as humorous as they are serious. One last involving the subject was woman and her husband. 'You know,' she said, 'I wanted to persuade our ben to lay in the neck we had provided for them. So I telephoned my husband to bring home a couple of artificial eggs with him.' 'Well, and didn't he?' 'Didn't, he?' He brought home a pair of pork legs.'

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