

S. Louis--King

THE mother of Louis told him she would rather see him die than commit a mortal sin, and he never forgot her words. King of France at the age of twelve, he made the defence of God's honor the aim of his life.

The death of his mother recalled him to France; but when order was re-established, he again set forth on a second crusade. In August, 1270, his army landed at Tunis, and though victorious over the enemy, succumbed to a malignant fever.

When Louis was a captive at Damietta, an Emir rushed into his tent brandishing a dagger red with the blood of the Sultan, and threatened to stab him unless he would make him a Knight, as the Emperor Frederick had Faccardin.

When his courtiers remonstrated with Louis for his law that blasphemers should be branded on the lips, he replied: "I would willingly have my own lips branded to root out blasphemy from my kingdom."

The CATHOLIC CHRONICLE...

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ROME

Mr. P. L. Connellan writes on July 19 to The Dublin Freeman's Journal: The general audience accorded by the Pope to the Romans on last Sunday afternoon was memorable even in the annals of a Pontificate memorable for great audiences.

On Sunday the Pope provided dinner for 1,500 poor persons of the City of Rome, 100 from each of the 15 "Rioni," or "Regions," of that city, corresponding to "Wards" in modern cities.

power, that condescended to juggle with a so-called "plebiscite," strove to make the world believe that Rome turned from the Pope to the dynasty of Savoy in the twinkling of an eye.

These 1,500 poor Romans, who had eaten the good dinner provided for them by the Pope and served to them by the Sisters of Charity and the young gentlemen of the Society of Catholic Interests of Rome, received each a Rosary blessed by the Pope, and then they proceeded to the Court of Belvedere to await the coming of His Holiness to give them his Pontifical Benediction.

flowers, the flow of water being stopped and the fountain being covered with roses and other brilliant flowers. About 40,000 people thronged this space and the surrounding walks and corridors.

About half-past five the Pope appeared in the great tribune suddenly a murmur of joy rose from the vast and closely packed crowd, and all eyes were directed to the tribune.

The Pontifical Hymn, which was so frequently heard in the old days of Papi rule, though played by several bands in unison, was drowned at its beginning amidst the shouts of joy and the applause of the great multitude.

Then came the solemn moment of the Benediction. The Pontiff rose to his feet, and in a ringing voice which was heard with remarkable distinctness, not a syllable being lost, the words of the Benediction fell upon the people who bowed down in reverence.

It is not often that a Requiem is sung for a dead King in the Sistine Chapel, yet such was the case this morning. The late King Albert of Saxony was a sincere Catholic, and so far as his opportunities allowed deserved well of the Church.

A rumor prevails that the Pontifical Delegate to the Coronation of King Edward VII., Monsignor Merry del Val, who has just returned to Rome, will soon be nominated to a much more important mission—that of Delegate Apostolic to the United States.

The Right Rev. Hugh MacSherry, D. D., titular Bishop of Ugentina,

opolis and Apostolic of the Eastern District of the Cape of Good Hope, is about to make a journey to Rome. Five years and a half have passed since his last visit to the Eternal City, and these have, for the most part, been anxious years in the diocese over which he rules.

DO NOT DELAY—When, through debilitated digestive organs, poison finds its way into the blood, the prime consideration is to get the poison out as rapidly and as thoroughly as possible.

Chats With Young Men

IT DOESN'T COST MONEY. It doesn't cost money, as many suppose. To have a good time on the earth, the best of its pleasures are free to all those who know how to value their worth.

The sweetest of music the birds to us sing. The loveliest flowers grow wild. The finest of drinks gushes out of the spring—All free to man, woman, and child.

No money can purchase, no artist can paint. Such pictures as nature supplies. Forever, all over, to sinner and saint. Who use to advantage their eyes.

King words and glad looks and smiles cheery and brave cost nothing—no, nothing at all; And yet all the wealth Monte Cristo could save Can make no such pleasures befall.

To bask in the sunshine, to breathe the pure air, Honest toil, the enjoyment of health, Sweet slumber refreshing—these pleasures we share Without any portion of wealth.

Communion with friends that are tried, true and strong, To love and be loved for love's sake—In fact, all that makes a life happy and long Are free to whoever will take.

UNFOLD YOUR NATURAL FACULTIES

There is no honest calling so humble that it may not be raised a thousandfold by unfolding one's natural faculties. For example, how much more a machinist sees in the piece of iron or steel he works upon than does a man who knows nothing of its chemistry, composition, or possibilities.

LOST HOURS. We have all wasted many precious minutes. Perhaps it has been over a foolish book, maybe mere indolence. A gentleman traveling in England was reminded very forcibly of his "lost hours" as passing through an old castle he saw these words on the wall of the nursery:

LOST. Somewhere between sunrise and sunset, Two golden hours, Each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered As they are gone forever.

The very uniqueness of the idea startled him. He read it again. "It is true, they are gone forever," said he sadly. "All those hours I wasted at school instead of studying are lost. The many opportunities I have had for doing good are neglected and gone."

TO ASSIST AT MASS PROPERLY

Every one who assists at Mass should offer it up for its four great ends:

- 1. For the honor and glory of God, to whom it is the most acceptable of all possible gifts. 2. In thanksgiving for the graces and blessings received from Him. 3. In satisfaction for sin. 4. To obtain from Him all that we need to do His will in regard for time and eternity.

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