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"TO RESTORE ALL THINGS TO CHRIST."

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(By Rev. W. F. Ellis, in the Monitor) On the 20th of July, 1903, the sad message was issued from the Vatican, to be announced to the world, that Leo XIII, had passed away. We know the gloom that message carried with it all over the Christian World. The Church donned her rohe of mourning; ther children wept, knowing they sufffered a great loss, even to a degree they believed irreparable. The usual ten days of silence passed, a silence preserved by the Church. No mention during those days is made of a successor except by the news-thirsty, Loisterous press. The call having been issued for the Cardinals to assemble in conclave, on the 31st, some sixty-two entered to elect a successor to Leo XIII .- a successor to him who literally conquered the world, for a French writer, summing up his life, said: "If Leo XIII, did not recover Rome he reconquered the world." The same writer, referring to the death of the Pontiff, said: "His death reminds me of the setting of the sun after a long summer's day, when he sinks to rest in a halo of glory.

With what a weight of responsibility did those sixty-two pillars of the Church enter the conclave. From a mood of sadness the people became filled with anxiety. Prophets, interviewers, editors, etc., foretold who the new Pontifi should be-but there is a saying, verified in every election -that he who enters into the conclave a Pope comes out a Cardinal.

The people must wait. There is no communication whatever between the conclave and the outer world until an election is reached. Four days passed before an election took place. On the morning of the fourth of August the world was brightened by the joyful tidings, "Cardinal Sarto, Patriarch of Venice, is the new Pontiffto be known as Pius X

Giving our belief to that proverb, "The child is father of the man," let us go back to the childhood days of the Pontifi

On the 2nd of June, 1835, in the Venetian town of Riese, Guiseppe Sarto first beheld the light of day. Could human eve have forescen the future from that memorable 2nd of June, Riese would have been on the map. Journalists would have lent their columns to speak on the Venetian babe. But no. No trumpets heralded his coming to this world. Giuseppe was a habe born to poverty

and the world noticed him not. His pacents were poor peasants, bringing in by their joint exertions not more than a few dollars of income each week; hut if poor in the goods of this world, they were rich in the goods of Heaven. The father and mother of the future Pope are painted for us as The epitaph writmodels of virtue. ten by our Holy Father, while yet a Cardinal, on the death of the mother whom he loved, tells us a great deal. "To Margaret Sarto . . . an exemplary woman, a virtuous wife, an inarable mother



we have only to hear the testimony the Cardinals. At each ballot his against it.' of the pastor under whom he served: votes increased. He, seeing the pos- We do not fully understand the posiwife, an in-an edifying if a of labor in the with forming to the labor in the with the post an edifying to the labor in the with the post is an exem-with the post is billity of his election, besought per-tion of the Vicar of Christ in Rome. In the post is post in the post in the post is post in the post in the post is post in the post is post in the pos

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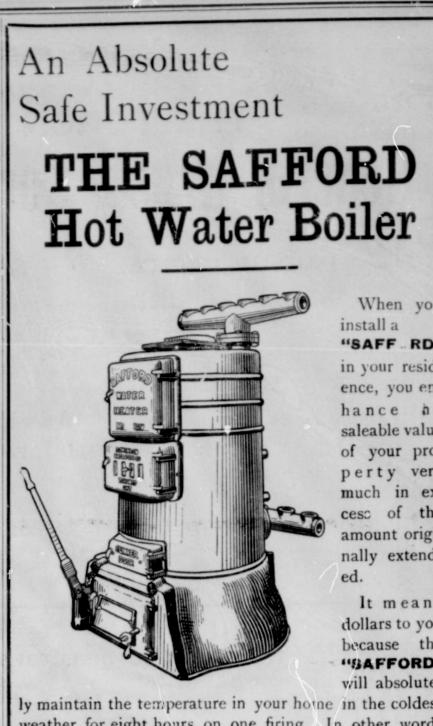
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death crowned a whole life of labor and sacrifice

Joseph grew up a dutiful son to his good parents, and to their great forth his love for the priesthood; expressed the wish that one day he might become a priest.

How glad were those Christian parents to behold the inclination of their son! and how they strove to cherish that vocation!

Thad to make great sacrifice on ac- the Christian World. count of the poverty of his parents, To know Pius X. one must visit that of "Pius X." The title of walking miles to school morning af- Venice and speak with the Venetians. "Pius," what memories it carries count of the poverty of his parents, and now the mother had to provide her of every family in Venice. support for eight children. Has Jos- No more pathetic scene than that twentieth century. wonderful degree. He was a student beloved Venice. in all that word implies. At Man- I can well recall to my mind his jestic dome, his voice betrayed ex-tua and at the University of Padua, entrance to Rome, on coming to the he showed that he possessed the conclave. As he rode along the brightest intellect. In 1858, at the streets the Romans pointed to him, ten months, he was ordained to the to, the handsomest of the Cardinals." priesthood and returned to his native His appearance was striking, stal-

parochial ministry, but the more I With tears he begged again and again is occupied by the son of a robber observe him the more I find in him that his name be no longer consider- king. There is the Spiritual Ruler of

And then? Chi sa-Who knows?"

The young Sarto began his studies years, and a step higher was climbed the Chair of Peter. at an early age; and his college days until to-day he is the Spiritual Head When asked would be accept the Let the Pope, if possible, leave were not all smooth. He suffered and of the Church on earth-The Ruler of office, he said, "God's will be done." Rome and the streets of the eternal

ter morning, without a shoe to his With them his name is almost sacred. with it! Take the history of the only will I say. Every moment from Teet. He never lost courage. Early Hear them tell of nis work amongst Fopes bearing the title of "Pius" and early morning to a late hour at in his college career his father died, them. They love him-he is a mem- you have an epitome of the history night he is a martyr to duty.

eph the eldest to leave school and help when Cardinal Sarto was leaving This mother? "No," she said, "if God Venice! Thousands followed in their his mother? "No," she said, "if God Venice! Thousands followed in their peter's when the election of the new completion of the fifth year of his has called him to Himself, He must gondolas to the railway depot to bid Pontifi was made known! There pontificate. It has been a memor-"have him." A generous friend saw him farewell. They had a presentia golden opportunity to stretch forth ment that it was their last word to all the cities of the earth, waiting in Church. his hand in charity, so young Joseph him. They cried to him, as the train dead silence for the announcement was enabled to continue his studies. left the station to sav a last word to from the loggia of St. Peter's. Never Pius X. has resulted in the following During his college days he was noted them. His words were these: "Livas a student possessing sanctity to a ing or dead, I will never forget my

early age of twenty-two years and and said, "there rides Cardinal Sar- have a Pope. Cardinal Sarto, Patown of Riese to offer up his first wart, with a pure, loving soul beam-Mass. What a happiness for his dear ing through his countenance. He enmother to see the son for whom she tered into the conclave with no pre-

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such an ensemble of qualities, so much ed among the eligibles; his emotion the world without a voice in the zeal, maturity, tact, that I could ra- became so violent that for a time he Senate of Nations, because robbed of delight he at an early age showed ther myself, even at my age, learn lost consciousness. Of his two hun his temporal power. How he must something at his school-I am con- dred and sixty-one predecessors not feel it! How he must cry out-"Unmany times before those he loved he vinced that this young priest will one, with one exception, was so un- grateful Romans"-as he looks out mount the steps of the ecclesiastical willing to accept the burden of the on the city his predecessors have done hierarchy-the episcopal mitre of a Keys. The voting went on, and on so much for. And now their suc surety is destined for him. And then? the count of August 4th Cardinal cessor is a prisoner-no longer to Sarto was the selection of fifty Cat- walk the streets of the Rome they This was a prophecy to be fulfilled, dinals, thereby receiving more than loved ! Oh, ungrateful Romans ! as indeed it has been, every nine the necessary vote to place him in Where would Rome be but for the Popes?

And as to what title he answered City within five years would be a The title of pasture covered with green grass. of the Papacy from the second to the

ates the fiftieth anniversary of the What a scene in the Piazza of St ordination of Pope Pius, but also the were thousands of people there from able five years in the history of the Briefly summarized, the reign of will I forget the scene when that an- achievements: nouncement was made! The Camer-1. The abolition of the veto by lengo came forth in front of that ma- which Austria, Spain and France have

citement-but yet the silence was so dread that that voice reached the four elections-an intrusion of the civil winds of the earth. He said: "We power which resisted for centuries the triarch of Venice, has been elected tiffs to suppress it. and takes the title of Pius X." The 2. The reform of sacred music all silence was of the past, and like a over the world. He has banished thunderbolt shot forth from that vast theatrical music from the churches, multitude a cry of joy, "Dio Sia and restored the plain chant to its Bchedetto Abbiamo Un Papa Del Po- primitive beauty and purity

The world rejoiced because 3. The codification of Canon Law he present was to the mind a closer A task hitherto attempted, and which link to the times of the Apostles. As might well have seemed the work writer expressed it, "The great ser- of a whole generation, has almost of Pontific began with the Gali- been brought to perfection during ean fisherman-to-day it culminates these first few years of the present with an Italian contadino.'

few minutes after the election Pius X. is promulgated it will be and St. Peter's was crowded, for found that all the obsolete laws of soon the new Pontifi was to impart the Church are set aside, that new is blessing to his children.

When he appeared robed in pure has been set forth with admirable orwhite, what a change was evident! der and simplicity, so that it will be There now appeared a responsibility possible for everybody with very pon that brow. One would think little trouble to ascertain the exact twenty winters had passed since we law dispositions of the general law of ast saw him. What wonder! Twen- the Church on every question. y centrices had passed through his 4. The unification of the laws rend, leaving their impressions, - garding the valid and licit celebracom the days when Feter the fisher- tion of marriage throughout the an stood before the Caesars and whole world. imed Rome as his, to the hour 5. The systematic teaching of the when Leo XIII. slept in death. Did catechism. It is not necessary to emnot all his predecessors walk before phasize the importance of this prohis mind, those great chiefs that tell vision at a time when immense numbers were being lost to Socialism and

s of the Institution claiming them ? Did he not know the history of the infidelity owing to their deficient in-Popes was an unfinished volume, its struction in the truths of religion. uture pages to dwell on the life of Pius X?

toman question was undecided; siastics Trance was up in arms. Labor and capital waged an universal war. No dioceses of Italy, with a whole host of the work of the Roman congrega- him, and give him life, and make onder he felt the burden the Keys of important reforms following in its tion.

arried with them. train.

Pius X. has been tried and found defend it. Pius X. has been tried and found detend it. It wanting. France has risen up in 9. Modernism is to-day a thing that exists rms and directed against Rome ev- utterly routed, a thing that exists the dark if 12. His recent noble pastoral to curate or pastor, bishop or patriweapon the evil one could furn- only shamefacedly and in the dark, if the clorest which has been onthe dark. Cardinal or Pope, he has been

the chergy which has been aptly de-at all times true, a man and a faith-ful spiritual father. All honor and so concession will be make and be Curia, by which the Holy Father ing at one and the same time a fa-as no fears. He has seen the barque has transferred almost the whole of therly and a brotherly admonstron.

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the English-speaking world from the Who can doubt but that the pontithe age offered no consolation. The ing of the course of study for eccle-the age offered no consolation. The ing of the course of study for eccle-the age offered no consolation. The ing of the course of study for eccle-the age offered no consolation. The ing of the course of study for eccle-the age offered no consolation. The ing of the course of study for eccle-the construction of all contains of the course of study for eccle-the construction of all contains of the course of study for eccle-the construction of all contains of the course of study for eccle-the construction of all contains of the course of study for eccle-the construction of all contains of the course of study for eccle-the construction of all contains of the course of study for eccle-the contains of the course of study for eccle-the constructions of the course of study for eccle-the contains of all contains of the course of all contains of the course of the course of the course of all contains of the course of the c solution of all contentious matters, lervent Catholics on these happy jubi-7. The general visitation of all the and added immensely to the efficacy lee days will be: "The Lord preserve him blessed upon earth; and deliver 11. Finally, to omit a great many him not up to the will of his ene-

But after five years of Pontificate ink added to the golden chain pro-velation is being attacked on all sides pises to outlustre the others in splen-to raise up an army of scholars to to raise up an army of scholars to years have sufficed to convince all the greatest glory of his 50 sacerdo-

