

PIUS THE GOOD. A BIOGRAPHY IN ANECDOTES ILLUSTRATING THE LIFE OF PIO NONO.

THE BEAUTY AND THE GOODNESS OF HIS LIFE. OVERFLOWING WITH CHARITY. A ZEAL FOR SOULS WHICH KNEW NO DIFFICULTIES.

We have in other departments of this week's Catholic Review summed up the life and labors of Pius Nono. The anecdotes which we now add to these histories of his life will give an additional insight to his character...

SINGAGLIA, a small town in the former Pontifical States, was the birth-place of Pius the Ninth. This remarkable man was born on the 13th of May, 1792, of the illustrious Count Jerome Mastai-Ferretti...

THE COUNTS MASTAI imbued her son with those sentiments of solid piety which marked her own life. It is related that during the exile of Pius VI, the Countess Mastai said to her son: "Join with me in praying that Our Lord may deign to diminish the sufferings of the Pope..."

PIUS IX. was ordained sub deacon on the 18th of December, 1818, and as he wished it so much, he obtained permission to enter Holy Orders in the year 1819, and on Easter Sunday of that year he celebrated his first Mass...

PIUS IX. AND THE ORPHANS. Pius IX. was always the friend of the poor, and a father to orphans. Almost as soon as he was ordained he was appointed director of the institution of the Tata, founded by a pious woman...

PIUS IX. IN AMERICA. In 1823 Pius IX. accompanied by Monsignore Mazzi went to America to arrange some differences which had arisen between the clergy and the government of Chili...

ARCHBISHOP OF IMOLA. Leo XII. having observed the prudence and anxious care with which the Abbe Mastai fulfilled the office of President to the large hospital of Saint Michael in Rome, named him, in 1827, Archbishop of Spoleto and in the year 1832 he was translated to Imola...

frances and at your convenience you will return them to me. COURAGE OF PIUS IX.

On an evening of the Carnival of 1846, as it was nearly dark, Cardinal Mastai was making his usual visit to the Blessed Sacrament in the cathedral, when the sciacristan drew near him in haste crying out: "For the love of God come: there has been a murder committed in the sacristy..."

MONSIGNOR MASTAI, was named Cardinal in 1840, and Gregory XVI died, in 1846. On the 14th day of June the Conclave assembled to elect the Pope. Cardinal Mastai was named to examine the votes...

THE HEART OF PIUS IX., so full of charity, love and goodness, inspired him with a generous idea that would call down upon him blessings of the Roman people—the entire world. A general amnesty to political prisoners was the first act by which Pius IX. inaugurated his Pontificate...

THE INHABITANTS OF TRANSEVERE. We must class Pius IX., amongst the most popular of the Popes. One day the news was circulated in Transevere that Pius IX. was ill, and all the population of that quarter of the town wanted to rush to the Quirinal to inquire for the Pope...

THE JEWS QUARTER. As soon as he was Pope, Pius IX. thought of improving the Jews' quarter, which was in a horribly dirty and miserable state; and in acknowledgment of this a deputation of its inhabitants waited on him and offered him a chalice of rich and ancient workmanship...

THE CASTLE OF ST. ANGELO. In 1824, a certain Gaetano—a youth of seventeen—was condemned to death for plotting against the Roman government. When he was being led to execution, a young priest, moved with compassion...

of Jesus with little children. A boy of twelve, having a mother who was very poor, old and infirm, wrote to the Pope begging him to give him 37 paoli (a coin worth about five pence) to buy certain articles that were absolutely necessary for her use...

PIUS IX. AT GAZETA. In 1848 the proceedings of the Revolution were such that Pius IX. on the night of the 24th Nov. fled, disguised as a priest, to Geta, with the intention of seeking refuge in Spain...

THE CHOLERA HOSPITAL. Pius IX. visited one day unexpectedly the French military hospital, "Oh! 'Tis the Pope! Ah! what an honour!" exclaimed these bearded soldiers, "I shall now die happier!" The Pope stopped at each bed, touched the poor patients, consoled them, blessed them and distributed amongst them medals of the Blessed Virgin...

THE BELL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Whilst Pius IX. was at Geta he thought of drawing on himself and the Church the special favor of the Blessed Virgin, by placing on her head another diadem declaring her Immaculate in her Conception, a doctrine universally received, but not as an article of faith...

THE FREE-THINKER. In 1860 two Frenchmen of distinction sought an audience of the Pope. At their hotel they had become acquainted with a young man who was a free-thinker and they proposed to him to accompany them...

THE GOLD CROSS. It is the custom for young Roman girls to wear a gold cross suspended from their necks, and this little ornament is so precious to them that only by extreme necessity would they sacrifice it. A young work-woman being in great want sold hers to procure a bit of bread for her old mother...

PIUS IX. FATHER OF THE POOR. "Are you the Pope?" said a child throwing himself on his knees, "Yes, my child, I am the Pope." The child began to cry, "My father is dead..."

said:—"Holy Father, I have no change." "No matter, keep it all," and the Pope was turning away when the child cried after him:—"Stop Holy Father, where am I to carry the fagot?" "Keep it to boil the porridge, and remember to be always a good Christian..."

A FRENCH SOLDIER came to the Vatican one day and asked to see the Pope; the attendants assured him it was impossible, but yielding at last to his entreaties, and knowing besides that similar visits pleased the Pope, they conducted him into his presence and the man throwing himself on his knees at the feet of the Holy Father and bathed in tears...

WHILST walking one day alone in the halls of the Vatican, Pius XI. perceived a young man contemplating with perfect delight a fresco of Raphael's. The Pope was careful not to disturb him, but the young man soon turned round and saw he was observed by an old white-haired man with a sweet and intelligent smile...

A celebrated barrister, known and esteemed by Pius IX. for his probity, had a severe illness brought on by over-application to his duties in order to support his numerous family. One day Pius IX. summoned his own physician, Dr. Corpi, and begged him to go and visit Mr. S...

PIUS IX. desiring ardently to assemble around him the bishops of the entire Catholic world, to discuss the errors of the day and to decide what was best for all Christians gave notice in 1858 that a General Council should assemble in Rome on the 8th day of December, the feast of the Conception, of the year 1869...

THE AMOUNT OF THE voluntary offerings poured by Catholics into the hands of the Pope surpasses belief, but it is not just that his children should aid their needy father, and who better than Pius IX. knows what use to make of them?

PIUS IX. AND HIS REVERENDITY. The immortal Pius IX. is not only Pope of the Catholic world, he has the heart of a father for all, and one may say there is not a country which has not to praise his generosity...

THE CHURCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES. England and Wales, as compared with last year, show an increase of 64 priests and 19 churches. New churches have been opened in the following dioceses: Nottingham, 10; Salford, 4; Liverpool, 2; Hexham, 1; Northampton, 1; and Plymouth, 1...

a like sum, Holland £410. For damages from fires Turin received £80; Genoa £70; Casco £100; Angers £300; Lyons £600; Belgium £400; Liverpool and Manchester £400. Into Syria he sent more than £400. The alms of Pius IX are innumerable; not a day passes but he helps some one in 1775, France had £500; Turin £80; Ventimiglia £80, etc., etc. Oh what a good heart the Pope has!

A nun of the Sacred Heart Mother Julia N... was seized with paralysis in her right arm and hand, and suffered terribly. The medical men could do nothing for her and she was advised to change climate. She went to Vienna and from thence to Rome in the month of September of the year 1875, where after a few days she became decidedly worse...

THE NEW KING OF ITALY. HE IS NOT SO POPULAR AS HIS FATHER.

It is strange that, although the new King of United Italy who he prince was comparatively disregarded, such an ill feeling should be cherished against him by the people. The history of the day—the press—rarely chronicled any of his doings. His life was not apparently, of sufficient importance to be taken notice of. We heard of his reviewing, or assisting at a review of troops, of his visiting with his late father a monarch or two, and of his presence at a dinner of diplomatists...

The reception of the oath of allegiance to the new sovereign was a pretty spectacle. The staff and the garrison in Rome proceeded to the great open square, called Macao, where the oath was taken, the staff accompanying the new King. Under the shadow of the ruins of the Baths of Diocletian, the staff awaited the arrival of His Majesty. They looked gay in the sunshine, their plumes waving in the cool breeze...

And many people came into Rome on Monday and Tuesday from all parts of Italy. From the distant north, where the Piedmontese language prevails from the south, where the difficult Neapolitan dialect is spoken, from Ancona, in the east, with the bull mouthed and rounded sounds, and from Siena, where the pure Italian may be said to be alone spoken, people flocked into Rome...

THE CHURCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

England and Wales, as compared with last year, show an increase of 64 priests and 19 churches. New churches have been opened in the following dioceses: Nottingham, 10; Salford, 4; Liverpool, 2; Hexham, 1; Northampton, 1; and Plymouth, 1. Liverpool has gained 10 priests, Southwark, 12; Westminster, 8, and others in lesser proportion. The hierarchy, we need hardly say, remains unchanged...