

# The Catholic Record.

"CHRISTIANUS MIHI NOMEN EST, CATHOLICUS VERO COGNOMEN."—"CHRISTIAN IS MY NAME, BUT CATHOLIC MY SURNAME."—St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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## ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR.

**MAY, 1880.**  
Sunday, 9—Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension. Feast of St. Gregory Nazianzen.  
Monday, 10—St. Antonius, Bishop and Confessor. Duplex.  
Tuesday, 11—St. Francis of Jerusalem.  
Wednesday, 12—St. Sereus and Companions, Martyrs.  
Thursday, 13—Octave of the Ascension.  
Friday, 14—St. John before the Latin Gate.  
Saturday, 15—Vigil of Pentecost, a fast day.

## The Month of Mary.

From the *Harp*.  
The following little poem in praise of the Blessed Virgin, is a complete answer to the Protestant objections made against the Catholic devotion to Mary. The clear, bright reason of Longfellow which has grasped so thoroughly one Catholic truth, cannot long remain in exile from the rest. True poetry is always Catholic.  
The picture the poet draws of Mary is superb. One can read and re-read these lines without tiring, and find fresh beauties with each reading. We will take a liberty, however, in the heading we will substitute May for "Italy," and in the first line month for "land."

## May.

LONGFELLOW'S TRIBUTE TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.  
"This is indeed the blessed Mary's month,  
Virgin and Mother of our dear Redeemer!  
All hearts are touched and softened at her name;  
Alike the bandit with the bloody hand,  
The priest, the prince, the scholar and the peasant,  
The man of deeds, the visionary dreamer,  
Pay homage to her as one ever present;  
And even as children who have much  
To ask of her, and yet not daring unattended  
To go into his presence, at the gate  
Speak with their sister, and enquiring wait  
Till she goes in before and intercedes;  
So men, repenting of their evil deeds,  
And yet not venturing rashly to draw near  
With their requests, an angry father's ear,  
Offer to her their prayers, and their confessions,  
And she for them in heaven makes intercessions.  
And if our Faith had given us nothing more  
Than this example of all womanhood—  
So mild, so merciful, so strong, so good,  
So patient, peaceful, loyal, loving, pure,  
This were enough to prove it higher and truer  
Than all the creeds the world had known before."

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

A FURTHER sum of \$10.50 has been received from Rev. Dean Wagner, of Windsor, towards the Irish Relief Fund.

REV. FATHER FERON, of the cathedral, left on Tuesday last to take charge of the parish of St. Mary's, in the temporary absence of Father Brennan.

DURING the past week Hon. Alexander MacKenzie resigned the leadership of the Reform party. Hon. Mr. Blake was unanimously chosen to fill the position.

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WALSH has sent an additional sum of \$200 to Ireland for the relief of the poor, one hundred to a parish in the diocese of Elfin and one hundred to the diocese of Ossory.

THE REV. JOSEPH GEORGE SCUTCLIFFE, curate of Great Yarmouth, England, has been received into the Catholic Church by one of the fathers of St. Dominic's Priory, Haverstock Hill, London.

CAPTAIN KIRWIN, lately editor of the evening *Post*, Montreal, and who has been residing in Ottawa for some time, has gone to Chicago, where he intends to reside in future. Captain Kirwin was captain commanding the Irish contingent in the service of France during the Franco-Prussian war.

ON Sunday last his Lordship Bishop Walsh preached to an immense congregation in Bothwell. A large number of the most intelligent and respectable Protestant people of the town were present. His Lordship also preached a most able sermon in the evening on "The Unity of the Church," when the sacred edifice was again crowded to the doors, many having to go away, unable to find even standing room.

THE Land League Conference in Dublin, on the 29th, unanimously passed a resolution in favor of the speedy pushing forward of a bill for the suspension of ejectments for the non-payment of rent for two years, and Parnell and O'Donohue, mem-

bers of Parliament, and three members of the Land League were appointed a Committee to draft the bill.

Gus. W. Egan and Charles Powell (colored) will furnish the material for hangings at Montgomery, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga.

THE above appeared in one of our daily papers. This is a subject in which it is certainly out of place to exhibit such vulgar jesting. The hanging of human beings is not a matter upon which people of refined feelings are likely to enjoy a laugh.

THE *L. C. B. U. Journal*, published in Philadelphia, lately contained an article making reference to the editor of the *Buffalo Union* in terms which reflect very little credit on the editor of the *Journal*. The *L. C. B. U.* is an excellent society, and we hope for its own credit it will see to it that it will no longer be represented by an individual who would use such coarse and vulgar language towards a brother editor who is immeasurably his superior in every respect.

REV. T. W. HANFORD, pastor of the Congregational Church, Toronto, has been charged by one of the deacons with a variety of indiscretions, with a view to effect his removal from the pastorate. The rev. gentleman may or may not be guilty of the crimes alleged. We hope he is not. The probability is, the spite and jealousy of lay members of his own church and clerical gentlemen of other churches, has had a good deal to do with the matter of bringing the affair before the public. The opinion is gaining ground among our separated brethren that the "deacons" are becoming very troublesome people. They endeavor to regulate the church and the pastor, but it has come to pass that the congregation now find it impossible to regulate the "deacons." Churches which are conducted on the "universal suffrage" principle must expect these little unpleasantnesses to crop up from time to time.

THE *New York Times*, a paper which no one will accuse of being possessed of a leaning towards the Catholic Church, thus refers to the Independent American Catholic Church people:—"It has existed in an organized form only for a very short time, and its membership could probably find ample room in an ordinary-sized omnibus, but it has exhibited a zeal in the work of taking up collections worthy of a vigorous and old-established Church, and it has secured the approval of several religious journals and quite a number of Christian ministers. The Pope is believed by three or four persons to tremble when he hears the name of the Independent American Catholic Church, and from two to five old ladies firmly believe that it is destined to utterly overthrow the Roman Catholic Church. It is painful to find that so energetic and promising a denomination is already in difficulties, and that its collections seem destined to come to a sudden end. The readiness with which the Independent Catholic Church and the Independent American Catholic Church have found patrons among intelligent Protestants is not very creditable."

A SOCIETY composed of Catholic youths of Italy, having its branches in almost every section of the country, lately addressed a letter to the General of the Society of Jesus, from which we take the following extract:—"Revolutionary and worldly rage again discharges itself upon the noble Company, which calls itself by the name of the Redeemer, which shows itself more than ever worthy to participate in His persecutions and His sufferings. In France, magnificent and Catholic nation, a knot of men without faith and without principle, have declared war against all the religious corporations, but in a particular manner against that which you, most revered father, so worthily govern. Those who have been recalled from exile to their country and from ignominy to triumph, villains, incendiaries and assassins, to-day issue a decree of general proscription against the Sons of St. Ignatius, who are guilty of having formed the mind and the heart of many of those heroes who saved the honor of France at Longchamps and at Patay. Barrabas is saved a second time, while Jesus is crucified as opposed to Caesar. It is the name of Jesus which causes the demon and the world to foam with rage against you. It is the name of Jesus which gives rise to all the calumnies, the injuries, the contumelious language! The illustrious Cardinal de Bonald, when in 1848 another republic threatened the

company in France, wrote in a pastoral the following memorable words: "If a single one of them is attacked, all of us will move, because all of us, bishops, canons, rectors, curates, we are all Jesuits." Permit me, oh father! in quoting these generous expressions, to add the assertion that we also, the youth of the Catholic laity, that WE ALSO ARE JESUITES.

IMMENSE sums of money have been expended by the English people in missionary enterprises in far off countries. Millions of pounds and millions of bibles have been contributed to this end. But how sadly, withal, is the necessity apparent for a little home missionary work.

CHARLES BRADLAUGH, the noted atheist, has been elected to the British Parliament from the constituency of Northampton, and he refused to take the usual oath, as it would be a mockery for him to call on God, in whom he did not believe. And has this taken place in the country which supplies the greater part of the world with bibles and tracts! And what manner of people must these be who elected Charles Bradlaugh to parliament! The time seems to have arrived when the good, pious souls of the mother country, who contribute thousands of pounds towards the support of the British and Foreign Bible Society, would take into consideration the necessity of leaving the "heathen Chinese" alone for a time—not to speak of "heathen" Spain—and transact a little missionary business at their own doors, beginning with the County of Northampton.

THE *New York Independent* thus refers to the vulgar illustration which lately appeared in *Puck*. We have some *Pucks* in Canada to whom the same language applies with considerable force—"The meanest and lyingest statement we have seen lately is that contained in the last *Puck*, which assumes to tell where the money contributed to Ireland goes to. It represents America pugging gold into a hat, which the going land is holding out, and the coins fall through into the tins, which the Pope, who stands below and almost out of sight, is holding under Ireland's hat. This picture is a lie, for it states what is not true—that there is no real distress in Ireland and that the money given for relief is sent to Rome as Peter's Pence. For the honor of Christianity, we hope that poor, starving Ireland does not forget, out of its deepest poverty, to spare some crumbs to support its religious faith; but that the famine is but a pretext to enrich Rome is not merely false, but is a contemptible misrepresentation. Who believes that the relief given in meal is sold for money to send to Rome? And yet here is the *American Tract Society*, through its *American Messenger*, asserting that the payment of Peter's Pence is proof that the famine does not amount to much—"not gaunt enough to keep back the contributions which the hierarchy exacts"—and advising that instead of sending money, through "misplaced sympathy" and "sentimental charity," to Ireland, it be given to the "great objects of Christian beneficence," to help the "spiritually perishing!" We pray God that we may never have the patience to speak coolly of such brutal pharisaism. The *New York Herald* shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven before you of *The American Messenger*. The facts of the Irish distress are before the world. We shall publish next week a letter from James Redpath, who has just returned from a tour of inspection of the suffering districts. He is a competent and honest witness."

ENGLISH divorce suits are considerably on the increase, those who take the advantage of the machinery of this court to secure justice, and at the same time rid themselves of distasteful companions, whether they be wives or husbands, preponderating in the middle or humbler classes rather than the upper ten thousand. There are now on the list for hearing no less than 141 cases, besides fifty-four cases standing over by consent from Hilary Term. Nothing specially sensational is expected to be developed, though two if not three of the suits will prove interesting to ladies of advanced age, and instructive to gallant military Lotharios who violate confidence reposed in them by friends, and turn hospitality into an instrument for inflicting great domestic injury.—*Catholic Herald*.

## THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

It is a queer system, that which lays down a principle for its followers, and then damns them for adhering to it. Such is Protestantism. The Bible, you know, is your rule of life; search in it and you will find the words of life. Avail yourself of this privilege, and presto! you'll be damned; damned if you do, damned if you don't. Wonderful consistency!—*Columbian*.

President Hayes and his family have several relics of Lincoln, and the former especially values a pair of black kid gloves which were found in the pockets of the overcoat which Lincoln wore to the theater on the night when he was assassinated.—*E.*

Still Catholics are held up to ridicule and abuse for preserving and venerating relics of the Saints of God.—*Columbian*.

We have found it our incumbent duty on several occasions to rebuke the narrow sectarian spirit of several journals in their treatment of the Irish famine. Evidently inspired by English prejudices, or more likely subsidized by English gold, they have been too ready to attribute to the chastising hand of Providence, or to the indolence of the people themselves, a state of things brought about by bad laws and landlord oppression in Ireland.—*N. Y. Tablet*.

BLASPHEMY is a terrible crime, and he who is guilty of it will discover, unless he repent, that indeed the devils in Hell bend the knee at the name of Jesus. It is shocking when we hear unbelievers speak disrespectful of God and holy things, but when one who is an instructed Catholic thus gives way to such a crime, we wonder at the patience of God. Miraculous manifestations of Divine anger with the blasphemers are numerous, still the lesson is unheeded.—*Catholic Columbian*.

THE reception of the U. S. warship *Constellation* in Ireland illustrates the petty cleverness of the English Government, and the care with which it cuts off outward relations from Ireland. One would think, to read the cable reports, that the U. S. had sent a cargo of fool to England instead of to Ireland, or that the British Government was so grateful for the relief that it had to send its princes to express its feelings. The fact is, the whole transaction has been manufactured by England into a piece of capital for herself, while she has prevented Ireland from saying a word of her own gratitude.—*Pilot*.

VICE is a plant of slow growth. No one becomes thoroughly wicked at once. There is no necessary connection between the cradle and the gallows. Though by his nature man is prone to evil, yet he has superabundant grace to resist its inroads, and this resistance does not entail any more exertion on his part than it would to give way. If we only labored as hard to be good and virtuous as we do to gratify ourselves in evil, we should never have reason to complain of our progress. We can only arrive at the lowest depths of vice by successive steps, and each step requires an effort on our part, which if put forth to advance ourselves on the ladder of perfection, would enable us to attain its highest altitude without further endeavors.—*Catholic Columbian*.

OF modern converts to Catholicism in Great Britain, the Marquis of Bute is the most ardent in aught that relates to the Church. He is the wealthiest nobleman in the empire. His donations for religious purposes are princely and perpetual. The final decree promulgated in France for the suppression of the order of Jesus has inspired the marquis with sentiments of sympathy which testify the exalted appreciation in which he holds the Jesuits, and the extraordinary services rendered by them not only to the Church of his adoption, but to the world at large. His devotion to the sons of St. Ignatius is about being substantially expressed in a munificent manner. He is at present engaged in negotiations for the purchase of the palace of Mustapha Pasha at Alexandria, and for the buildings and lands in Cairo reserved by Ismail Pasha. So interested is the noble convert in the cause of the persecuted Jesuits that he went to Cairo to arrange with the Khedive

the terms of the purchase. The amount offered for the property is \$800,000. It is more than probable that the communications between the marquis and the Egyptian Government will be satisfactorily concluded, and that if the penal proclamation of the French Government be enforced, the Jesuits will find a refuge from the persecution of the infidel rulers of their native land.—*N. Y. Tablet*.

Those newspaper scribblers who aim to fill out the space for which they were hired may not always be held to strict accountability for the expressions they make use, but those who are responsible for bringing to the light of day the nameless crimes, will regret sooner or later that they thus aided the arch enemy of mankind in the destruction of souls. The little fugitive paragraph that suggested the crime which damned a soul, will one day claim its author, and terrible will be the sentence of this accomplice in sin. It is no excuse to say that it is news, but rather so much for the greater condemnation of him who sent it forth as sensational news. More than one-half the work of the press at the present day is in the interest of those who seek the destruction of souls. To counteract this mighty influence is an important portion of the mission of the religious press, aided by Christian fathers and mothers.—*Columbian*.

WHILE the *Constellation* was taking in her cargo of food and seed potatoes for Ireland, a Dublin paper, the *Irish Times*, was making known the fact that seed potatoes were going out of Ireland in very large quantities. In its issue of March 23, the *Times* said that almost every steamer leaving for England was loaded with seed potatoes for the agricultural districts in England and Wales, the average being from sixty to eighty tons daily. The *Times* also pointed out as a "noteworthy fact" that the largest quantities shipped from Dublin came direct from Connaught counties and especially from the districts of Castlebar, Castlebar, Charleville, and other Mayo and Galway neighborhoods, where the suffering from famine is very great. Commenting on this "significant fact," the *New York Sun* asks—"Did the *Constellation*, as she entered Queenstown harbor with her cargo of food for the starving Irish peasants, meet any outward bound ships laden with Irish potatoes for the English market?" Such a meeting, the *Sun* thinks, would have been in accordance with the fitness of things.—*Pilot*.

THERE are myriad acts of faith that should enter into the daily life of the Catholic. The Catholic should never mention his dead without an invocation of God's mercy upon their souls. How scandalous, in strictly Catholic intercourse at that, to hear men speak of their poor dead parents who so loved them, so toiled and suffered for them on earth—perhaps still suffer for them above—to hear men speak of these without a word to denote that Communion of Saints which solves us with the knowledge that we can happily pray for our departed, and that in the mercy of God our prayers may avail to shorten their term of dead probation! Teach your children from their earliest youth to pray openly for their dead whenever the name of the loved one is mentioned, whenever the occasion, daily recurring, offers for a pious invocation for these poor souls that cannot now help themselves; that look to us whose works still avail for the relief they are constantly imploring. Teach them to raise their hats, or bend their bared heads, reverently, when the sacred name of the Saviour is pronounced. Teach these little ones to repeat their Angelus. And graces will flow from these practices that often you will yourselves clearly recognize. Time may come when they will grow lax in these devotions; but, as surely as they practiced them in youth, the days will also come when they will again recur to these saving habits of a Christian life. Life is very short, and there is nothing in it to justify a moment's hesitation when it is a question of a pious practice that intrudes to the benefit of our soul. No second party can stand between us and the Judgment, nor between us and eternal happiness on the other. To make the choice rests with ourselves; and to gain a favorable decision is the one paramount affair of life—the longest life too short for proper preparation. If we can be blamed out of this preparation, God help us

when our brief day opens out into eternity!—*Catholic Universe*.

THE want of a lively, practical Catholicity amongst the young men of the time, can be traced to no other cause than the negligence of Catholic parents. In their younger days the boys are permitted to run hither and thither, with this company, with that company, to this place of amusement, to that place of iniquity, without scarcely a restraining word, let alone a chastising rod that enforces obedience. These boys grow up in the streets and alleys, are sent out of the sight of their mothers on account of the boisterousness so natural to boys. Their sisters are kept severely under parental eyes and consequently are generally saved to the faith in which they were baptized. Fathers and mothers should make it the study and burden of their lives to watch anxiously their children, during the tender years, when the mind is so much more susceptible to receive impressions and the heart to be led astray. See that the boys as well as the girls are instructed in their religion and are kept to its practice, and that they avoid all companies that may lead them away from the Church. What a fearful account will these parents have to render on the Day of Judgment, when called upon to present the souls of the children they have neglected, and whose crimes will be deserving of hell! Honor thy father and thy mother is the divine command given to children, because the father and mother have the responsibility of their care placed upon them by Almighty God.—*Catholic Columbian*.

"So long as the Virgin or any other saint is made, without a particle of biblical authority, the object to whom prayer shall be universally addressed, the worship paid is as much idolatrous as that paid by Pagan nations to their Gods. They make the same distinction between worshipping paid to superior and inferior gods."—*The Independent*.

How ludicrous this statement is in the eyes of every Catholic we need not say. But for our non-Catholic readers we may point out that there is a vast difference between praying to a person and worshipping him. We might pray *The Independent*, for instance, to buy a Catholic Catechism and read it; but this petition would not imply that we worshipped our esteemed contemporary. At this moment there is a paper being signed for the commutation of the death-penalty pronounced upon an Italian prisoner in the Tombs; those who sign it pray the Governor to grant their requests; but none of them, we suppose, worship the Governor. We seek the all-powerful intercessions of our Blessed Lady with her Divine Son. We venerate her as did the Angel Gabriel, when he addressed her as one who was "full of grace;" but we do not worship her; and we had thought the time had gone by when a respectable journal like *The Independent* could fall into such a blunder. As for "biblical authority," for doing what we do not do, we need not trouble ourselves; but as for biblical authority for doing what we do there is an abundance of it. And, greater and higher than this is the voice of the living Church, with whom the Holy Ghost, according to the promise of its founder, always dwells, and which cannot err in matters of faith and morals. By the way, would *The Independent* kindly show us where, for instance, is the "biblical authority" for disregarding the Jewish Sabbath and making the Christian Sunday the day of rest, and point out to us what it is, but the authority of the Holy Roman Catholic Church that effected and sanctioned this change?—*Catholic Review*.

An important manifestation of opinion in favor of the Jesuits took place recently at Vannes. Mgr. Bece, followed by his clergy and six thousand Catholics, made a pilgrimage to the chapel of Saint Joseph de Lemboch, served by the Jesuit fathers. This manifestation in favor of the victims of despotic republicanism has made a great impression in Vannes and the surrounding country. It is evident from recent despatches that the French people are not so apathetic in religious matters as they are supposed to be. The French Ministry disturbed a hornet's nest when it touched upon religious liberty, and said, "there shall be no freedom but our freedom."—*Catholic Review*.