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such unquestioned other forms of it eive hesitation beers a logical reason tisfies the mind : a tisfies the heart history, a splendor I, which satisfy the do not wonder at at all.

ned her eyes a little. you on the brink of f," she said. "But an important person

e has a good deal of what you mean. ers her relatives un. ner. They do not ll do with it, but I o wager that in the y it to some noble

t her ideas are very xotic.

y are, but that is to have any visions he visions may come the world is much in mer has not acted sions; she has had to wait for guid.

l it now," said Mrs. t sarcasm. ed Craven, "I think or one am honestly

uch the same senti er to Miss Marriott, her surprise, if not ke her !" s

she said. whom I have ever orimer is the most ained. Her own will ide and rule of her That she should surnd submit to be told lieve and what she is onderful. After this ink that I know any

to know any one so e cannot surprise us," 'But I do not think lf-will was of the vulcannot endure any understand her at all, r will because it was I she had, but she was mit to a better authorit; and she believes

nd it now." eves it," said Grace ; belief last? She is on a tide of admirashe sees around her the issue comes-as it or latter - between and the authority to ibmitted, I believe she wn will.

ot," said Craven. "I e will be thorough in dertakes. moment that the door

, and into the room e sitting Miss Lorimer oked pale and agitated with an open note in

said. " here is very Miss Tyrconnel. he that she is very ill-, I fear. I am going I can be of any ou do, Mr. Craven? I overlooking you, but I concerned by this intel

aid Grace ; " and she creature that one must Shall I come with not. There may be no

t at least I must go and what the danger is. not in. Tell her when nere I have gone. may remain.

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it like a hero."

recounted his.

interest in him, I presume ?"

"She liked him very much, but I

time that Cecil is not very impression

able where men are concerned. 1 can-

not say that she liked him more than

as an interesting acquaintance who

made our voyage very pleasant to us."

his sister," said Craven. "He may fail, as other men have failed before

him ; but he will never find a fortune

better worth winning than Miss

not know the man who is worthy to

fill it," said Grace. "Neither do I," Craven assented

"yet it is better for its own sake that it should be filled even by one who

may not be altogether worthy of it.

And, seriously, I have some hopes of

your Irishman." "Not mine," said Grace, laughing. "Whatever Cecil thought of him, it

was evident to the most superficial

observation what he thought of her.

"I did not imagine he was really yours," said Craven. "You praised

TO BE CONTINUED.

ST. JOSEPH.

"It is such a great heart that I do

Lorimer's heart.'

glad to hear it."

presence of God."

that remark.

spoken

before him, and the absolute necessity EARLY LETTERS OF POPE LEO is very familiar to him. If he has of giving pain to those who uphold the old *regime*, especially to his mother. It was one of the old rack-rented landlord states. The

XIII. correspondence With His Family From the Age of Nine Years. - Mr

Tyrconnel's uncle-had no intercours M. Boyer d'Agen, a friend of the Pope's nephew, Signor Ludovic Pecci, has just published, through Mame in with his people except through his agent, and the bitterness between France, the letters of Leo XIII. to his them had, of course, been growing steadily worse during the last few family from the age of nine years, at years. Gerald, as his sister calls him, had left home because his remonwhich he entered the Jesuit College at Viterbo, in 1819, till his nomination strances were unheeded, and he could as Pontifical Delegate at Benevento, not look on at the mismanagement and in 1837, after leaving the Academy of Noble Ecclesiastics. The most strik. the suffering he had no power to preing feature of the correspondence of the young man, writes "Fra Teofilo" vent. His uncle would have alienated the estate from him if he could, but it was entailed. So it fell to him, and in the Liverpool Catholic Times, is the remarkable unity of ideas. Set forth when we met him he was on his way to enter into possession and face the difficulties before him. They were by the student, they developed them-selves on his reaching the Pontifical very great. The estate was encum-bered so that he had little money at throne with that brilliancy and harmony which we have since then ad-mired. his command ; his mother violently opposed his measures-indeed she has Leo XIII., be it noted, is not one of

absolutely quarrelled with him on the those geniuses, those great men, who, subject ; the people, oppressed and so to speak, come fully dowered from poverty-stricken, were sullen and hard the hands of nature-not an Alexander to be convinced of his good intentions. or an Octavius. The latter was at Altogether, the poor fellow has lain on twenty years a thoroughly equipped anything but a bed of roses since we politician, and from that time forward parted from him at Queenstown ; but. knew what to think of men-how to from his sister's account, he has faced press them forward and how to guide them-and what risks he might some-"What a delightful thing it is,"

times run for great stakes. Alexan said Craven, meditatively, "to have a woman for an advocate ! Happy Tyrconnel ! I would be willing to der, fresh from the training of Philip and Aristotle, conquered the world al most like a being of supernatural power. Leo XIII. in his early life was face even the difficulties and perils like many other men-more eminent solely by the ensemble of his talents. that beset an Irish landlord to have my prowess recounted as you have He is one of those whose character and "I should be very glad, Mr. Craven, if you would be kind enough aims were gradually formed and per-

fected. People who enjoy his confidence not to laugh at me," remarked Grace, with much severity. "It seems to me are well aware how careful he is in pointing out the regular development that any one who knew the case would of his life, how strong is his view as to the harmony and unbroken continuspeak of Mr. Tyrconnel just as I have ity of his intellectual, moral, political and religious "inheritance." The "Well, I fancy he has not been very comfortable," said Craven ; " but clever and vigilant diplomatist, the fate is apparently about to do him a good turn. Miss Lorimer shares your faithful, precise and economical administrator, the Latinist, the lover of

literature, the intelligent and shrewd observer of affairs, the advocate of the suppose you have discovered by this teachings of St. Thomas, the indefatigable author of the encyclicals, the man of tact and resource in negotiation are all revealed here ; we find the traits in germ and sometimes fully formed in these letters in which there is no re-'If he is wise he will come to see serve.

EARLY SIGNS OF GREATNESS.

The comments are made in the freest spirit, and the character of the public man is betrayed with rare precocity, the feelings of the child and the son giving way to those of the student and observer of events. When Joachim's brother, John de Terracina, reproaches him with his want of demonstrativeness and his impersonal tone, he writes him a letter which shows how far reaching were his views of public life. Here we discover the ground of his eager desire for the most extensive knowledge. As if by instinct he was attracted to the consideration of all the leading incidents in history and all the monu-ments of science. At nine years of the Papacy. age he essaved the Latin sonnet. In him too frankly. And perhaps you will pardon me for saying that I was deed, his mind seemed to be permeated by the classical spirit. Tacitus and

Sallus were his favorite authors. At Probably Grace was not sorry that seventeen he was seized with a passion for St. Thomas, whom he calls "the Archimandrite" of the theologians. Mrs. Severn's entrance at this moment prevented the necessity of answering He quotes the fathers - especially the Latin fathers. From one of the letters we learn

that he is anxious to learn everything -chemistry, astronomy, physics and higher mathematics. The more confi-to the state of the basic state of the basic basic basic basic basic basic basic state of the basic state of the

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not read many foreign books-and he has read more than he actually mentions - he is thoroughly grounded in his Latin, Greek and Italian authors. He ceases reading them, it is true, to apply himself wholly to the study of religion ; but it is because there is nothing more in them for him to learn, and he would gain nothing by reading them over again. He knows the best of them by heart, has digested what they contain and converted it to his own uses When he had reached fif. teen he read, wrote and spoke Latin just as well as Italian. As for Greek,

he understood it perfectly. His attention was, however, mainly devoted to atin works. THE WISDOM OF THE ANCIENTS. Thus we find him fusing together Christian and pagan antiquity, and of all his writings it may be said that whilst revelation supplies the text, the commentary is based on the wisdom of the ancients, that is to say, human reason in its strength. The development of his character as a priest is less apparent in his letters. He was highintellectual and temptations disturbed not his serenity. On receiving the priesthood his piety is simple and deep, but not mystic. Twice he apdeep, but not mystic. pears to be vouchsafed supernatural English town. enlightenment. In referring to it his voice vibrates, his words grow tender, and in the touching revelation of this of the future Pope. In a letter to Cardinal Sala he imparts his intention of entering a religious order ; but medi tation on the life of St. Francis de Sales, his ideal of a "prelate priest," as he calls him, changes his purpose and he proceeds steadily to the fulfilment of his highest desire-that of winning the world to the service of God, bringing the two into unity, producing improvement in the order of affairs and impressing the seal of re-

ligion on all men's works. A HOLY MAN AND A STATESMAN. Under this aspect he figures as a holv man and also as a statesman and leader in mental culture. His early letters raise the question of the Popes as statesmen and men of letters. What position will Leo XIII. occupy amongst them? His letters already tell us. He will have his place beside the greatest princes and commanders have been good speakers and who writers - the Castars and the Napol-cons. The published productions of Leo XIII. are in style eminently classical. A humanist like Nicholas V. a leader of men and a framer of constitutions like Innocent III., and a man of ecclesiastical erudition such as Banedict XIV., he cherishes espec ially the great ideas both of ancient Latium and of the fifteenth century. Read in "La Russie et le Saint Siege Pierling's keen judgment on the aims of Nicholas V. and you will have the key to the life and pontificate of Leo NIII. No other Pope has had to the same degree the consciousness of the grandeur of

The Vatican.

The Vatican covers a space of 1,200 feet in length and 1,000 feet in breadth, and is the largest palace in the world It is in Rome, on the right bank of the river Tiber, and on the Vatican Hill, from which it derives its name. It is said to have been founded by

AMONG THE URSULINES. Howard Saxby Visits the Convent at Brown County.

Howard Saxby, says the Catholic Columbian, is sometimes earnest and appreciative in his writings, though as a rule we are led to expect something light, jesting and frothy when we pick up "Saxby's Siftings" or "Salmagundi." A few weeks ago, having a lecture engagement in Fayetteville, Brown county, he took occasion also to visit the convent of the Ursulines, which has absorbed the name of "Brown county," made the county subservient to the three hunwithout boasting of pedantic erudition, dred acres of convent land, and spread its fame far beyond the limits of the State of which it is so small a part. Evidently Mr. Saxby is not a fre-

quent visitor within monastic pre-cincts, for he describes his first sensations while awaiting the Mother Superior in the reception-room, as a mixture of bashfulness, self conscious ness, nervousness, and why am I here ness; but with the entrance of the Superior and several of the Sisters a feeling of well-bred ease pervaded the atmosphere, which became positively friendly when a few moments' chat developed the fact that the Mother and Mr. Saxby were from the same dear

The visitor," he says, " takes off his hat unconsciously, smooths his hair with his hand, arranges his tie, Elcacin of the temple we get a glimpse looks down to see if his shoes are very muddy, brushes the dirt from his left sleeve, and looks fixedly at the landscape in front of him, as much as to say: 'Dear me! I wish I had put on a Prince Albert instead of this cutaway coat ! I am afraid the Sisters will think my dress is somewhat loud!' But when you meet the Ursuline nuns you forget everything about yourself. You just feel electrified with their fascinating simplicity and remember that the Ursulines have for three centuries enjoyed the highest reputation as teachers both in Europe and America.

He rejoices in the conversation, "so much more intellectual than the usual run of idle society chatter," and pays a tribute to the air of purity and saint liness that prevails in the convent.

"Apart from the pleasures of the world, these gentle Sisters are so tender, so cheerful, so resigned ; they have endured such pains, persevered in such vast labors, that they have set up for us a standard to bless-not to gain but to give.

The natural and architectural beau ties of Brown County have not escaped his art-loving eye.

"The large domain of three hundred acres, the spacious woodlands, the well kept gardens, make the visitor feel at once in love with his surround ings. Fifty years ago a stubblefield occupied the space now covered by the magnificent buildings and spacious grounds, where every art of landscape gardening has been used to enchance the natural charm, and one wanders entranced under the magnificent trees. The convent, built upon an elevated plateau, presents an impos ing facade of red brick, flanked, as it s, on the one side by a large addi tion to the original building, and on the other by the beautiful church of gray stone.

This exquisite little church comes in for its tribute, and he dilates upon its wealth of interior adornments-stained glass windows, marble altars, artistic brass rails and trimmings, carved and the ents is really bereft of all true mangroined ceiling of oak and cherry. All visitors must be taken to the hood. most honored spot on the grounds, and Humors, pimples, boils, are very annoy-ing. They quickly disappear when the blood is purified by Hood's Sarsaparilla. this is how Mr. Saxby describes it : "In the cemetery, some hundred feet from the convent, a slab of gran-Why go limping and whining about your corns, when a 25 cent bottle of Holloway's Corn' Curn will remove them? Give it a trial, and you will not regret it. ite, simply inscribed, covers the spot holding the ashes of this great and good man (the late Archbishop Purcell) upon the vista of whose happy life the clouds of sorrow fell.

Not the least enjoyable part of his visit to Mr. Saxby, he says, was a sight of the honor-rolls for the fifty years of the convent's existence, on which he recognized the maiden names of many women who are now at the head of model Christian households ; and he was also vastly pleased to meet

and lecture to the daughters and grand daughters of these same charming women, as well as a host of other bright girls from Ohio and sister States, beautiful buds just ripening into womanhood. To them to day the world is bright, the fields, the hills, the streams that water the vale are laughing in the glee of early dawn and over all hangs the color of the rose. One day they will look back upon the pathway that has been trodden, the leaves will be tinged as the glories of autumn come on apace. upon the scene in the retrospect the shadow of the cypress will fall - and then-only then-will they fully real ize that a 'sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things !""

The interesting article concludes with this fine, broad-minded recognition of worth : "I am a Protestant, because I was

born so, but no Catholic has a greater respect and admiration for the sister hood than I. See them in all the hos nitals, see them wherever the pest strikes a whole people, see them where the breath of war smites down armies of strong men, see them with the or phanage of old age - old men or women whose children are dead or scat tered through the world, whose friends have sunk back into the bosom of the earth, who have none to speak to of early days when they were young and happy and strong ! Sisters, whose loving, warm hearted communities take them by the hand, leading them into their home watching over them, consoling them re awakening the memories of their early faith, and soothing the pathway to the grave, letting in the light o heaven upon their minds and hearts The chosen women gather here in ; paradise which was a wilderness, and is a garden of God, nestling like doves in innocence, and with their sweet voices train souls to know the power of faith, hope, purity and humanitynoblest witness of divinity, love and mercy !

Ashamed of Their Parents.

The boy or girl who is ashamed of his or her parents because of their lack of education, can never expect any of the blessings of God. We pity the parents of such children. There is no sadder sight than that of a father who has set his heart upon his children born in this country, who has snug at his work remembering that they wanted for nothing his labor could purchase : who has said in his heart they will be better than himself, every way nobler than he could be in the land of his birth, and who discovers in his old age that he has spent his life in rearing up a fop, a libertine, a know-nothing. Then, indeed, we see some thing more horrible than King Lear driven mad by the ingratitude of his daughters. For Lear only gave his children the crown, but this father gave them everything — his sweat and blood, his nights and days, his purse and heart, and all but life itself, of which, at least, their parricidal ingratitude deprives the miserable man. We say this is a tragedy, to make angels weep over the false system of social life which makes men monsters. The man who is ashamed of his par-

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as hastily as she had when Craven returned he found Miss Marriott bed in reverie that she e entered.

for your thoughts," he wn and looking at her,

in return, her pretty ning in the firelighting dusky in the great

king," she said, "that f life have sometimes a f having been planned such a mere accident Miss Tyrconnel, and n such a fancy to her." d Craven, as he paused. there was something else

is not really very ill," Marriott ; "but if she is, ey will send for her

Craven. It was a proignificant sound. f the brother before "chair a little closer.

ut him." hed. "There really is ll," she replied. e steamer coming over. nteresting, a fine type of intellectual, cultivated, t himself, and with an cted melancholy which es women, you know. new also, very likely." I not tell you it was unice meeting his sister we the cause. He had Irish estate, and was it-

ough in that for melan-unt. Probably he was g shot." fraid," continued Grace,

hich reproved this interthe responsibility that lay

This Saint Teresa, with that sound goo sense, Which ever balances her soul intense Puts in our hand the key to portals high. What we would prove we only have to try. How many barriers soon would melt away, If while we wonder we would also pray! If for all doubting we would set the task Of simply waiting while we trusting ask.

Catholic Standard and Times.

dential parts of the letters give pic-tures of the conclaves of Pius VIII. and St. Joseph was a model of sanctity and prudence. His holy silence shielded the Blessed Mother ; his lov-Gregory XVI., the revolution of 1830, ing care guided the steps of the Divine Child. He was the earthly representative of the Holy Ghost. As a Catholic writer says: "If St. looks with admiration on the British spirit, which took up the inheritance of Rome and Florence. From the seeds which at that period found root Joseph suffered, it was to save the life of Jesus; if he labored it was to sus-tain the life of Jesus; if he spoke, it was to Jesus. It was Joseph's privin a rich soil sprang up a good har-

vest, the fruit being abundant at the ilege to be always with God, to speak, to converse, to labor, to repose in the appointed time-when God required a pastor of souls. NOT A MERE STUDENT.

in human events.

Many have become saints merely by The breadth of his intelligence, cap. meditating upon the virtues of the able of penetrating every subject, and saintly Joseph. St. Teresa is espec-ially known as "St. Joseph's saint." his power of going to the essential point — the heart — of matters, have Her testimony to the efficacy of his in-

tercession is eloquently expressed in one of Miss Sara Trainer Smith's most absurd dreams and made none of those widely read poems: illiberal statements which sometimes Teresa, the great saint, the loving one, Who jeweled truths from gold of wisdom

spun; Teresa, she "of Jesus," says that aught She asked Saint Joseph, always surely

She asked Saint Joseph, always surely brought The wished for answer, and, if there had chanced A fault in her petition, he enhanced Its value ever for her greater good. It seemed to her that, as he closer stood To our dear Lord-for was he not while here, Protector, tutor, foster-tather dear? So now on high most honored still he stands, And his petitions are as love's commands. To other saints our Lord has given power To help us, each in an especial hour, But all our sufferings, all our trials and cares,

cares, Are soothed and lightened by Saint Joseph's

Are southed and lightened by Saint Joseph's prayers. 'I would.'' she cries, " that I could now per-suade All men to love him, and to seek his aid ! In all these years, oh ! never have I known 'The soul devout that loved him left alone 'To lag in virtue. No ! he gently leads Onward and upward, while it forvent pleads. Now for the love of God I only ask, Ye who believe not set yourselves this task, Prove ye the truth of every word I speak : Prayer to St. Joseph is the proof ye seek. Those who would taste the bliss of perfect _____prayer,

With him your loving tenderness should

with him your loving telearn to pray, share, And those beginners who would learn to pray, With him to guide them cannot go astray." Thus Saint Teresa, with that sound good

habited by Charlemagne in 800.

Several times it has fallen into decay and been restored. Pope the intrigues of the Sultan and the Eugenius rebuilt it on a magnificent the intrigues of the Sultan and the Lagonus result of a magnitude sub-agitations in Spain. One can see even at this date that like all Romans he removed the Papal See from Rome to looks with admiration on the British Avignon, and the Vatican was in a neglected and obscure state for many

years. Nicholas V., in 1450, commenced the great work of making it the noble palace that it now is. After the return of the Pontifical Court to Rome, it became the actual residence of the Pope. One after another, a long line of Popes have added splendid buildings to it, and the lowest estimate gives the number of rooms at 4422.

Gradaully it has been enriched with great paintings, statues, books, curious medals, gems, frescoes, and antiquities preserved him from the excesses of the mere student. He had none of those of every description, until it is now the world's richest depository. The museum of statuary is about about a mile in length and contains more than emanate from narrow minds too fully engrossed by syllogisms. Hencefor ward his vindication of the truth is 70,000 statues that have been exhumed from the ruined temples and palaces practical as well as theoretic in characof Rome. ter. For him deduction is an exposi-

The Vatican contains the Sistine tory me hod rather than a method of research. In each letter he keeps Chapel, built by Sixtus IV. 1473 and his thought fixed on facts. "He grasps, compares and analyzes them; sifts adorned by the wonderful genuis of Michael Angelo; the Pauline Chapel, built by Paul III., in 1540; the Loggia and Stanze of Raphael, and them in every way to discover the origin of the causes that have pro-

the court of the Belvedere. The library of the Vatican is truly a duced them. He is not troubled as to the result. The sole, universal cause he knows and acknowledges : it is the great one. It is exceedingly rich in manuscripts, containing as many as 40,000, some of which are by Pliny, connection of facts therewith that he wishes to examine. Infinitely mul-St. Thomas and St. Charles Borromeo tiplex is God's action of which the and many Hebrew, Arabian, Syrian and Armenian Bibles. It has about 50,000 printed volumes, and several inspired writings in some manner affords us a view. Early in life Leo XIII. employed all the strength and subtlety of his mind in studying rich museums of ancient and modern articles of vertue. the diversity of facts which tend to show the course of divine government

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