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give but a faint outline of the remarkable events in the career of this cham- an unmistakable manner.

pion of the Faith. Canisius was born at Nimeguen, Canisius was born at Aneguen, capital of the duchy of Guelders, on May 8, 1521. His father, James Cani-forced to sojourn longer at Mayence than he expected on account of the than he expected on account of the upright and learned man that the hostilities which had broken out be-Duchess Philippina of Guelders, consort of Rene II., summoned him to Loraine to preside over the education of the young princes, her children. Owing to his natural tact and shrewdness he was attached to several embassiesofimportance. GilletteHouvingane, Peter Canisius' mother, was a woman of tender piety, scrupulous in the ful-filment of all her duties, the most im-

labour of love. After the loss gave, according to the method of St. Ignatius, to persons of every rank and His goodness, provided for the condition. Crowds locked to listen to him and to place themselves under his young saint in the person of the sister guidance, eager to be led onwards in the paths of perfection. This the paths of perfection. In the paths of perfection. In the person of the sister well. He was soon chosen, with the brighter minds to great the paths of perfection. ady, who formed part of the house

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through foresight or inspiration her his worldly living. discernment was not at fault, for Canisius was as Canisius advanced in perfec-tion as he grew in years. He was gentle, truthful and ever respectful to his betters. He was, moreover, eager to undertake all tasks allotted to him, and earnest acquitting himself of his duties. He was well gifted intellectually ; with a penetrating mind and a retentive memory, with quickness and percep tion and an ardent thirst for knowl

rapid progress he made at so early an But what charmed all who knew the distress, for his father had led And knowing full well that without child far more than all else was what a worldly, though an honorable life. seemed to be in him a natural tend ency to piety. From his tenderest answered his prayers. It was revealed years, prayer had a singular attraction to him that his father and mother were for him, and in yielding to it he sought out the most secluded spots where he could commune with God with greater recollectedness; he shortened the out for Cologne. On his journey he hours of his sleep to lengthen those | met three young men going like himgiven to his Maker ; and that creature | self to that city : in those days travelcomforts might be no hinderance to lers were glad for protection, and they this holy exercise he devised means to went on together. He spoke to them make his innocent body suffer.

the ordinary dangers which threatened youth in a university town there was entered the novitiate under Favre. something more to be dreaded at this period. Heresy was rampant at Cologne as elsewhere in Germany ; but priest, Nicholas Eskius, to whose care his parents had confided him, and who soul. Had Canisius been less ready to lay bare all the innermost recesses of

Father Favre, the first companion of St. Ignatius, while on his way to Spire to attend the Council of Trent, was tween Charles V. and Francis I. Thereupon, the Cardinal Archbishop of Trent, Canisius returned again to ing Bock." He himself repeatedly Mayence besought Favre to expound Germany. He had received his last begged funds to establish seminaries formation, as a religious, from St. in Germany, thinking it disgraceful in gratus himself, and had made his that error should do so much to perhis care. The success of the lessons was in keeping with the great reputation of the learned but humble relig lous. His zeal, however, was not to be circumscribed within such narrow limits. It showed itself even more portant of which she rightly con-sidered to be the education of her son. This, during the few years that God spared her to him, was for her a degree in the retreats which the Father labour of love. After the loss gave, according to the method of St.

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Heresy had crept into the very

a short catechism as an appendix. All heretical books were banished from

the university, and pious associations were founded among the students.

He renewed at Vienna and at Pra-

gue the marvels wrought at Ingolstadt

Reports of the wonderful changes hold, led a secluded and as well wrought soon reachedCologue and came ordered a life as if passed within the pale of the most rigid cloister. Her himself that this might well be the man sole concern was to please God, and whom God had appointed to lead him grammars of the institution. Canisius she deemed that nothing could be more in his vocation. He immediately set recast them to his liking, and inserted recast them to his liking and inserted in the set of the institution. agreeable to Him than to cultivate the out for Mayence, and there tock up a good dispositions which she admired bis abode with an ecclesiastic named in the child, and to make them more Contade who now, filled with that spir it of fervor he had acquired during a God's providence yet hidden in the retreat, was doing much honor to this future. Whether in all this she acted as he had previously disgraced it by months of firm and paternal govern-

his worldly living. ment, from a standing menace, Ingol-Canisius was as much impressed by stadt had become a bulwark of the Favre's character as by his genius. faith. "Never," said he, "have I known or listened to a more learned man, or to one of more eminent virtue-if, indeed, he be a man and not rather an angel from Heaven." He proved himself at least a heaven sent messenger for Canisius, and received him into the catechism to the children of the poor Society of Jesus. While Canisius was with Favre at city. In 1558, at the earnest request of

Cologue, a message summoned him to Ferdinand, he was named rector of the edge, he astonished histeachers by the his father's deathbed at Nimeguen. college of Vienna. Here he opened The old man recognized his son and saved. In the fervor of his thankful ness he distributed his large inheritso well on the subject of salvation At the age of thirteen he was sent through Christ, that two of them gave to the university of Cologne. Besides up all to worship Him in the cloisters of the Charter House, and the other

As soon as our Blessed Canisius had completed his novitiate and taken the vows of religion, he resumed his studies God had in store for this chosen soul a with more assiduity than ever. He not preservative in the person of a holy only distinguished himself among ignorance. only distinguished himself among his fellow scholastics, but at the college of Montan he taught Holy was to stand watch and ward over his Scripture and presided daily over the same course at the university. where he expounded the Epistles of St. his soul to his spiritual guide he might, Paul to Timothy. He was unwearied in his labors and privately applied himself to the reading of the Holy in the company of the dissolute youths around him, have strayed far from the Fathers. To his unremitting applicapath of virtue. This he humbly contion and his vigils we are indebted for esses in the writings he has left us. The saints are wont to exaggerate their a more correct translation of St. Cyril, misdeeds, but, whatever may have in two volumes : the first he dedicated been the faults into which he fell, he to the Archbishop of Mayence, and the mination of Ignatius. The most that repented of them sincerely and atoned for them by a heroic act, when, at the with him in the same university. It would consent to take upon himself the age of nineteen, he made a vow to God was at this period also that he brought ecclesiastical administration of the dio out the works of the Great St. Leo of perpetual virginity. If Canisius had proved himself a clever scholar when at home, in the most carefully revised. How a man of his years could find time for so many different occupations and give satishalls of the university the bril-liancy of his talents cast into the faction in all is scarcely conceivable. When Canisius had reached the age shade many stars, fairly resplendent, but of lesser magnitude. All eyes in that centre of learning were turned required for priesthood, he was ordained by an uncompromising Catholic Bishop. He draws attention to this fact himself which he deemed a singuupon him. For a man of his immature years his penetration and the ease with which he mastered the most lar favor from Heaven at a time when the faith of more than one of the Gerabstruse questions seemed to partake of the marvellous. But what is moreman prelates began to cause distrust. Clothed with this new and august charpraiseworthy, he was as little in his acter of the priesthood, which gave own eyes as he was great in the estimation of others. Knowledge which him more authority, he was now ready, puffs up had no evil effect upon him. under the direction of St. Ignatius, to He advanced with as steady and as enter upon his great public career. rapid a pace in the humble science of It would be impossible in these pa It would be impossible in these pages to follow him step by step, or to note even in a superficial way all that he Cross as he did in the sublime knowledge of theology or things accomplished for the glory of Holy To be ignorant of everything. Church and for the discomfiture of the but to know perfectly Jesus Christ followers of the Reformation. Christwas he wont to say, after the example ian piety again enthroned in the hearts of men; the sacraments honof his former master Eskius, is to know all : all without that is deceit and ored and once more reverently fre-quented; public morality restored in It is, therefore, not surprising that numberless towns and cities ; religious one so well grounded in humility, and discipline re-introduced into many whose heart remained cold at the pros monasteries ; the clergy recalled to a sense of the duties of their holy state ; pect of every worldly advantage lying within easy reach, should think of devoting himself wholly to God in re-

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now about to make His call heard in great reforms : the apostleship of missions and more so during the im-Education, the apostleship of the Word portant legations entrusted to him by us, therefore, join our prayers with the Apostolic See. us, therefore, join our prayers with those of our co-religionists of Germany and the apostleship of the Pen.

It was in 1549, at the age of twenty- "To form good priests," he would eight, after six years membership in the Society of Jesus, that, known already by his editions of St. Cyril of who relishes the things of God will Alexandria and Leo the Great and by soon make others relish them ; a saintly his theological labors at the Council of pastor seldom fails to have an edify

Ignatius himself, and had made his solemn profession in his presence. vert, and that Catholics should not make great sacrifices for the education He and his companions were re-

ceived at Munich with open of their clergy, arms by William, duke of It was in Rome It was in Rome, especially, that his Bavaria, and with equal warmth influence for good in this respect was at Ingolstadt by the heads of the uni-felt. In the Eternal City the German College was thoroughly equipped for the reception of ecclesiastical students In an incredibly short space Amen.

of time the whole face of the universi the reception of ecclesiastical students ty was changed. For his care was from the Teutonic nations. Similar establishments were opened there for

after God, the good accruing must be ascribed to Canisius, who conceived the idea, and to Gregory XIII. who carried it into execution. It was the same idea that led to the founding of

seminaries in far off India and Japan. Education prepares the future of a people, but on the *present* it has little bearing. At most the rising generations, as they grow to man's estate, may exert on their elders a certain influence, that of good example, or gain an ascendancy through the win meness of virtue, ever lovable, and which the ties of blood sometimes render so powerful. But this is the rare exception. As a rule, it is the man that reacts upon the youth ; and how

by the same regenerative means. In 1552, with thirteen fellow religoften does it not happen that the germ of virtue, planted in the heart ious, he began his labors at Vienna, child even by the most painstaking master, fail in fruition in contact with which he interrupted only to teach oose morals and a depraved public and to serve the plague stricken of the opinion.

Consequently, if the masses have strayed from the path of rectitude, if the first boarding school, to counteract error and passion are the dominar guides, instead of reason and faith, the

the influence of a corrupt society. only resource left, to bring back waythe help of heaven all his efforts to shield their innocence would be unward minds, is the power of persuasion seconded by grace from on high; re-course must be had to the apostleship availing, he prayed fervently for those of the word and of the pen. This Canisius fully understood. Brought young hearts confided to his care. Brought The following prayer we find among to the notice of old and young, and his writings: "O my God, O faithful guardian presented in its many phases, truth little by little, will re assert its sway. and compassionate lover of mankind, and the written and spoken word will I beseech Thee, vouchsafe to these render more lasting the effects of sound many little ones the grace Thou didst education. A revival will follow, first not refuse me in my unworthiness, in the family, then in the state, of when I was still young. Let this grace be even more abundant for them. those principles of religion, of honor or of respect for authority, which are Grant that, rescued early from the turmoil and dangers of the world, they the surest, or rather the only source o material prosperity as well as of mora may meet with pious and worthy inprogress among nations. These alone structors, who, by the energy of their exhortations, and still more by their offer a substantial and enduring guar antee of stability. There was no time at which Canisius example, may inspire them with a much greater hatred of sin than of

did not exercise the ministry of preach ing and of the apostleship of the pen. The king of the Romans saw with Even while founding and directing satisfaction the transformation for satisfaction the transformation for good that was going on at Vienna owing to the zeal, prudence and energy of Canisius. He conceived the idea of having him named to the epis leges; he found time for sermons, retreats and controversial lectures Besides the works already mentioned, we are indebted to him for an edition of St. Jerome's Epistles, Commentaries on the Corruptions of God's Word (two copal See of that city. It was a mis-taken idea of gratitude. In vain were all the springs of diplomacy set to work to prevail upon Pope Julius III. in folio volumes), a Summary of the Epistles and Gospels annotated, a Man-ual for Catholics, Notes on Gospel Readings and a Summary of the Christian Doctrine. This Catechism, to sanction this appointment. Three repeated attempts failed to overcome Canisius' humility and the firm deter or such it is, went through numberess editions, was translated into several languages, and did inestim-

turn many extraordinary graces. Let and Switzerland, and beg this great champion of the faith to inspire us with some of that indefatigable zeal which he derived from the very Heart of the Divine Master. PRAYER.

O Jesus! through the most pure Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all the prayers, work and sufferings of this lay, for all the intentions of Thy Di vine Heart, in union with the Hol Sacrifice of the Mass in reparation of all sins, and for all requests presente through the Apostleship of Prayer : in particular that Catholics may struggl valiantly for their faith after the ex ample of Blessed Peter Canisius

THE BAD SON.

There is one thing in the world worse than a bad son, but he is at affliction that makes the heart quive with pain. The love that was lavished on him in infancy, the care that wa taken of him in childhood, the hope that were built on him in boyhood, th comfort that was expected from him in adolescence—all these add to the woe of his worthlessness. He is the shame o the family. The bad son usually begins to ge

down shortly after he is sent out t work. The possession of pocket mone urges him to find out where to spend it He visits saloons, cheap theatres and other resorts. He learns to stay out late at night. He forms friendships with vicious companions. As he grows a little older, nature stirs within him and he commences to flirt. The re straints of religion grow irksome Confession becomes repugnant. Holy Communion has no longer a charm He loses his innocence and to evil h says : "Be thou my good !"-In the five years from his fifteenth to his twentieth birthday, he takes all the degrees of degradation-he drinks, he swears, he gambles, he talks obscenely, te thinks impure thoughts, he consort with the vile, he seeks carnal gratifi

cations. If his mother chides him, he shuts her up with insolence and profanity. If his father rebukes him, he responds with sullenness or defiance. "I can take care of myself !" he mutters, knowing that he has the ability to earn some wages, but unmindful that he owes that ability to the training ffered to him by his parents. Eventually home becomes disagreeable to him-he either visits it only to eat and sleep, or he foresakes it altogether. All the while he is going down further and further. The prayers that he first lisped at his mother's

knees are no longer said ; the sweet affections of family life, are despised the principles of virtue are derided the duties of religion are ignored he glory of self-mastery is scorned and a free rein is given to passion sensuality and debauchery.

Sometimes he gets married and his wife either rescues him or completes his ruination ; sometimes he winds up in the penitentiary ; sometimes he laced among the incurables of the inane asylum : sometimes he fills drunkard's grave. In most cases, he is lost to self-respect, lost to a useful career, lost to the honor of his family lost to the love of God. The down ward grade is steep and smooth ; it i the upward track that is of easy incline even if it be rugged.

See the steps toward the precipicetoo much spending money, late hours, evil companions, maleficent resorts, able service in placing in the hands of the faithful a complete vindication of the teachings of the Church. disrespect of parents, dissipation, pro-fligacy, absence from home, neglect of religion, deliberate and persistent re-



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ligious life. Long had he prayed that through the proper formation and a greater or lesser degree, to the initi-God might make known to him His holy education of youth ; whole provinces ative or influence of Canisius. will and direct him in the choice of a and kingdoms snatched from the grasp will and direct him in the choice of a state of life. Years ago, when but a child, a pious widow, a relative of his, and whose reputation for sanctity was great throughout the neighbourhood of rested in its rapid expansion; and the additional for the very outset, from the very first encoded for the very outset, from the very first encoded for the very outset, from the very first encoded for the very outset, from the very first encoded for the very outset, for the ver

harm that heresy will strive to inflict on the Church of Jesus Christ. "Take courage, my child," she added, "let that hope bear you up, for you will not

have to wait long for the blessing in store for you." This happened the very year that Saint Ignatius and his companions consecrated themselves to Cad in the blessing in the store that blessing in the store that Saint Ignatius and his companions consecrated themselves to companions consecrated themselves to God in the chapel of Montmartre, and laid the foundations of the Society of which, later on Canisius was to be one of the brightest ornaments. God was

The next scene of his apostolic zeal

was Prague. In spite of countless difficulties and the most violent opposi tion on the part of the heretics, thoroughly aroused at the sight of the thousands of their followers who were renewing their allegiance to Holy Church, another college was opened. and to it flocked great numbers of young students drawn thither by the reputation of similar institutions which the holy and learned man had estab-

lished elsewhere. In 1556 Canisius was appointed III Provincial of his Order in Germany, and the good work of rescuing youth from the hands of the heretics went on apace. The unbroken series of triumphs of truth over error, following

each other in rapid succession, pre-sented everywhere the same features. It would be monotonous to detail them here. A bare enumeration of the places where, in turn, Catholicism gained the ascendency, through the apostleship of education, will suffice for

our present purpose. Munich, Friburg, Dillingen, Tirnau, Wurzburg, Augsburg, Treves, May-ence, Spire, Trent, Inspruck, Hall, Ratisbon, Luzerne and Porentruy, all their faith. the future of Catholicism assured are indebted for houses of learning, in

But there was something more to be Real throughout the heighbourhood of Nimeguen, had, in the presence of his parents, made known to him his future. "You see that child," she said, "he will belong to that society of priests of Jesus and will work hard to repair the harm the hereasy will strive to inflict ins' marvellous activity and zeal. "Extend in its rapid expansion ; and the necessity of forming holy priests, holy pastors of souls, holy evan-gelical laborers, and he set to works, were the achievements of Canis-harm the hereasy will strive to inflict nany.

jection of grace, vice, ruin ! We have not spoken of the great

Is there a young man who will read this who is on the slope to perdition? eligious, and which he endeavored Let him change his ways to day. Let him take the counsel of his parents, or in vain to shun. He was present at the Council of Trent ; was deputed by he citizens of Cologne to act as their representative before the Emperor the malediction of Heaven may come upon him. "The eye that mocketh at his father or his mother and de-Charles V.; took part in the Diets of spiseth to obey, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out and the young Ratisbon, Piotrkow, and Augsburg, and in the Conferences of Worms and eagles shall eat it !"-Catholic Colum-Inspruck ; and acted as Papal Nuncio under Pius IV., Pius V. and Gregory bian.

Canisius died at Friburg, December The blue-bird is hailed as a harbin-21, 1597, and this year, 1897, Ger many, Austria and Switzerland, as a ger of Spring. It is also a reminder that a blood purifier is needed to pre-pare the system for the debilitating weather to come. Listen and you will hear the birds singing: "Take oken of their undying gratitude, are preparing to celebrate, with all the lemnity and splendor possible, the three hundredth anniversary of his glorious and saintly death. The Ayer's Sarsaparilla in March, April, May. eutonic races will not be satisfied

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recall to the Catholic populations of the fatherland the heroic struggles of the You can't go on losing Sixteenth Century, and to spur them flesh under ordinary conon to fight still more strenuously for ditions without the knowl-Already, in the Congress of Dort nund, in that of Salzburg and in that edge that something is f Sursee, the announcement of the selebration was hailed with enthusiaswrong, either with digestic applause. His Excellency the Nuncio at Munich quite recently extion or nutrition. If the brain and nerves are not fed, pressed his conviction to Reverend

anon Kleiser, the organizer of the novement, that the festivals would produce "an outburst of Catholic entiment and life throughout Ger-Pilgrimages will pour into Friburg, where the relics of the Blessed are kept. From all sides prayers will go

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