

## CATHOLIC NEWS.

It is a fact of curious interest, says an exchange, that irreligious France sent the Pope more "Peter a pence"—\$450,000—than any other nation.

The grand master of the Knights of Malta personally conferred the insignia of the order upon His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan during the latter's stay in Rome.

Rev. William Mabor, D. D., formerly chancellor of the Hartford diocese, who has been ill in New Haven for several weeks, has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties as pastor of the church in Milford, Ct.

A portrait of St. Bridget of Sweden, copied from a famous fresco painting, and a beautiful glass window representing the same saint, both the work of Swedish women, will occupy places of prominence in the Woman's Building.

Rev. L. B. Palladino, S. J., of Helena, Mont., has about completed a history of the Catholic Church in that state. It will be divided into two parts. The first will treat of the Indian era, before the arrival of the pale faces; and the second will show the growth of the state and the Church since the white immigration.

The hereditary Prince of Luxemburg, the son of the reigning Grand Duke, is to marry a Catholic princess, Maria Anna of Braganza, a daughter of the royal house of Portugal. It has been promised that all children of the marriage shall be brought up Catholics, and a dispensation has been granted for the marriage. If there is issue of the marriage the reigning family of Luxemburg, a branch of the house of Nassau, will thus become Catholic.

Jubilee presents still continue to arrive at the Vatican, and will probably be received there until the close of the present year. The Holy Father still receives visits and congratulations on his 50th episcopal anniversary from many distinguished personages; and last week representatives of England's royal family called at the Vatican to personally felicitate the aged Pontiff on his Jubilee and to wish him years of life and usefulness.

Monsignor Capet, who has been dwelling in seclusion for some years back out on the Pacific slope, appeared in public print last week, his communication having reference to the absurd claims of the Ritualists that mass is celebrated in their churches. The monsignor does not seem to have accepted that invitation which was said to have been extended to him by Cardinal Vaughan to return to London, and it is an open question if such invitation was ever sent.

The anthems of the Church represent the Blessed Mary seated upon a pure white throne, more dazzling than the snow. We there behold her arrayed in splendor, as a mystical rose, or as the morning star harbinging of the sun of grace; the brightest angels wait upon her, while celestial harps and voices form a ravishing concert around her. In that daughter of humanity we behold the refuge of sinners, the comforter of the afflicted, who, all good, all compassionate, all indulgent, averts from us the anger of the Lord.—*Chateaubriand.*

Most people, when setting about their reformation or conversion, are much more anxious to spend their lives in doing difficult or unusual things than to purify their intentions and to renounce self-will in the ordinary duties of their position; but this is a great mistake. Far better make less outward alterations as to actions and more inward change in the heart which prompts them. Those who are leading a decent, well-ordered life need much more interior than exterior change when they seek to become more earnest Christians.—*Fendon.*

The Church of the Holy Cross, Harrison, N. J., was filled to its utmost capacity last Sunday night. Two statues, one of St. Patrick, life size, and the other of the Sacred Heart, were unveiled. It had been arranged for Bishop Wigger to bless the statues. He was unable to be present, and Rev. Father O'Connor, rector of the church, performed that ceremony. The statues were placed on brass brackets, inside of the chancel, and were unveiled by Rev. Father Brogan, assistant rector. The sermon was preached by Rev. James A. McFaul, Vicar General of the Diocese of Trenton.

A sweet little story of Mozart shows his transcendent musical genius when he was a mere child. When only 14 years old he heard in Rome the Miserere of Allegri. Knowing that it was forbidden to take a copy of this famous composition, he listened to such good purpose that when he got home he immediately noted down the whole work from memory. A few days afterwards he was enabled to check the copy, when to his own great surprise he found that he had not made a single mistake. The next day—so the story goes—he produced such a sensation in Rome by singing the Miserere at a concert, that Pope Clement XIV., requested that the boy should be presented at the Vatican.

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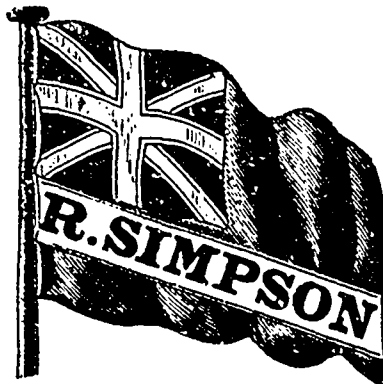
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## Burke and the Maniac.

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Burke and the maniac had a long conversation; and the orator left not only with the facts he desired, but with a firm conviction that the man who furnished them was perfectly sane. He went to the keeper and told him that it was outrageous to confine a rational man in that awful place. The keeper, having heard the same remonstrance before, could only smile, and assure his distinguished visitor that he would some day find out his mistake. But Burke would not listen.

"It is infamous!" he cried. "I will have this man's story ringing through the United Kingdom. If necessary I will make it known in Parliament."

The keeper kept his temper. "Mr. Burke," he said, "I have told you the truth; but, in order to be convinced, will you have the kindness to step back and ask the poor fellow what he had for breakfast?"

"I will," answered Burke; "and I believe his answer will be as sane as my question."

He returned to the cell, where his Indian informant gladly welcomed him.

"May I ask," inquired Burke, "what you had for breakfast to-day?"

Instantly the peaceful look left the man's face, and his eyes glared with excitement.

"We had hobnails for breakfast. We never have anything else. We breakfast, dine, and sup on hobnails. And everything here is equally horrible."

And so he went on with a fantastic account of the cookery at the asylum, which convinced Mr. Burke at once that he had been wrong and the keeper right. He left in great haste, glad to get away, and thankful for the information, which, although it was furnished by an inmate of Bethlehem Hospital, proved to be of great value.—*Am Maria.*

## Condolence.

The following resolutions of condolence were passed by No. 4 Division, A.O.H., at their regular meeting, held on March 26:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove by death the father of our Brother, R. Cahill; also the mother of our Brother, Joseph Byrne:

Be it resolved that the members of this Division tender their heartfelt sympathy to the above named Brothers and their families in the loss they have sustained.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to THE CATHOLIC REGISTER for publication.

JOHN FOLEY, Rec. Sec. No. 4, A.O.H.

At the regular meeting of Branch 77, C. M. B. A., Lindsay, held on the 21st ult., the following resolution was unanimously carried:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to his eternal abode Mr. Wm. White, father of our worthy brother, Wm. L. White, be it

Resolved that, while bowing in humble submission to the will of our all-wise Providence, we the members of Branch 77, C. M. B. A., tender our sincere sympathy to Brother White in his bereavement; and be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Brother White, the *Catholic Record* and *CATHOLIC REGISTER*, and that the same shall be entered on the minutes of this meeting. M. W. KENNEDY,  
Sec. Branch 77.

## De La Salle Institute.

## TESTIMONIALS FOR MARCH.

Form III—Excellent: J. Flynn, J. Kormann, H. O'Connor, J. Huntley, F. Boylan, J. Varley, W. Malone, Good: W. Miville, L. Murphy, J. Ryan, A. Conlin, J. Jordan, E. English, E. McDonald.

Form II—Excellent: J. Harnett, A. McCandlish, J. Fraser, J. Hennessy, M. O'Donnell. Good—C. Haaranan, J. Moriarty, B. Moran, J. Milne, H. Trimble, V. McGuire, W. Burns.

Form I—Excellent: W. O'Connor, J. Cashman, J. Thompson, J. Dea. J. Shea, L. Giroux, J. Colgan, A. Leithonsen, L. Doherty, P. Wheeler, J. Lysaght, F. McDonald, C. Girvin, G. Boland, D. Simons. Good—M. Boland, M. McDonnell, W. Read, F. Wallace, H. McKenna, F. Enright, M. Nealon, J. Quinn, F. Larkin, T. O'Connor, F. Finucan, J. Murphy.

Messrs. John Ball, of Boherard, Clonmellon, Hugh J. Cullen, Laurence Ward, Christopher McCormick, Mark Dalaney, Owen Murtagh, Thomas Smith, and Edmund Morris, have been appointed Justices of the Peace for the county Meath.