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LENTEN REGULATIONS. A. D. 1892.

Denis O'Connor, by the grace of God and the appointment of the Holy See, Bishop of London. To the Clergy, Bishop of Religious and Laity of the Diocese.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN-1 received some days ago from the Cardinal, Secretary of the Sacred Council of the Inquisition, a letter of which this is a copy :

THE SUPREME ROMAN AND UNIVERSAL INQUISITION.

To all the Archbishops, Bishops and Ordi naries of places of the Catholic World :

The nature and condition of the disease at present so widespread, not only over Europe but over other coun-tries of the globe, call for the exercise of Apostolic power and favor. Our most Holy Father, Leo XIII., moved by the extent of the evil and prompted by his great zeal for the corporal spiritual welfare of the faithful, has thought it his duty to supply then with such safeguards as are at his dis posal, for the protection of life and health against the violence of the prevailing contagion. Wherefore, prevailing contagion. Wherefore, through the Sacred Council of the Supreme Roman and Universal Inquisi-His Holiness grants to all Archbishops, Bishops and Ordinaries of the Catholic world, wherein the disease holds sway, the Faculty of dispensing the Faithful under their charge from the obligations of Fast and Abstinence during such time as in their judgment the state of public health calls for this

Indulgence. Apostoli

His Holiness desires, however, that the Faithful, whilst enjoying this favor, say : shall apply themselves more earnestly to the practice of good works, of a nature to merit the Divine clemency Wherefore he urgently exhorts then to supplicate and appease God b relieving the wants of the poor, b assisting at the public prayers and offices of the Church and by a more frequent use of the sacraments ; for i is beyond question that the many evil that befall us are the effect of Divin justice which inflicts meet punishmen on men because of their sinfulness and the ever-increasing flood of crimes of

which they are guilty. (Signed) R. CARD. MONACO. Rome, Jan. 14th, 1892.

The information furnished by the clergy throughout the Diocese makes it certain that influenza has grievously afflicted our people and that the death rate has of late been unusually high rate has of late been unusually high. These facts lead me to believe that the Fast and Abtinence of Lent, which under ordinary circumstances ar remedies for human ills, spiritual and bodily, would now prove injurious rather than benefical. Mindful that

That some members of every family | The present rulers of the Republic see well the impending change in the be present at the Lenten Exercises on Wednesday and Friday afternoons or state of affairs, and it is to their evenings, so that every family may share in the graces and Indulgences of the Way of the Cross and may reinterest to represent the hierarchy in an odious light as being opposed to the liberties of the people, and to the lawceive the blessing of our Redeemer in ful authority of the State. These are

the Holy Sacrament. Last of all, and best of all, I am most the tactics of the enemies of the Church anxious that all the Faithful of suitable elsewhere than in France. They have age will follow the wish of the Holy been employed by the Atheistic and Father regarding the frequent use anti-Catholic parties in Austria, Belthe Sacraments of Penance and the gium, Spain, Italy, and in the United Blessed Eucharist. Let no one be satisfied with approaching them only States and Canada as well as in the Spanish American Republics. But By obtaining the forgiveness of our sins in the sacrament of Penance such tactics can prevail only for a we shall change the justice of God into short time if Catholics are true to mercy and procure the removal of the scourge which has brought affliction. themselves, and appreciate properly orrow and death into so many house their rights and duties as citizens By partaking of the Blessed and evidences are multiplying that Eucharist we shall receive into our the French Catholics are rapidly comhearts His Sacred Body, whose touch during His stay on earth healed not ing to realize the position, and that they will assert themselves unmistakonly the sick but restored the dead to life. He may not see fit in His wisdom ably at the polls. It was only when to grant to each of us increase of health this was done by the Catholics of and length of days, but He will cer-Belgium that the Government of that tainly grant to all who receive Him

worthily that spiritual and eternal life flourishing little kingdom began to promised to all who eat His flesh and devote itself to legislation for the weldrink His blood. (John, vi., 55.) That fare of the people ; and not until the we all, Pastors and people, may be faith-French Catholics do their duty will the ful to follow these counsels and by so doing procure for ourselves a large French Government apply themselves measure of God's grace and mercy will to the same work, instead of spending be my daily prayer at the Altar of God. their time in adopting measures to Given at London this 23rd day of demoralize the country by weakening

the influence of religion.

Bishop of London. The Archbishops tell plainly where in the Government has been recrean ASSERTING THEIR RIGHTS. to duty. It has banished religiou The text of the manifesto of the five from the schools and at the same tim French Archbishops on the relations of forbidden the religious orders t teach. In spite of the expostulations the Church to the Republic, a short of physicians, it has turned the Relig account of which was transmitted by ious out of the hospitals and substituted Atlantic cable, has come to hand, proving that our surmises were correct lay nurses. It has curtailed the liberty that the Archbishops did not condemn of the Bishops and set spies upon their the Republic as a form of Government actions : Soldiers have been prohibited from hearing Mass : Religious institu tions have been deprived of their From the cable despatch alone one revenues, with the object of ultimately might imagine that the eminent pre lates had condemned Republicanism. destroying them, and in numerous So far is this from being the case that other ways religion has been attacked that Catholics are obliged now to the document expressly declares that they accept the Republic without rise up in self-defence for the preser reserve, with all the consequences vation of the faith of their country. One of the proofs of the extent to

which this acceptance involves. They which Catholics are stirred by the present situation is to be found in the "It would not be fitting for Catho spirited address of Pere Didon, deliv lics to foment discord between the Church and the French Republic. ered in Bordeaux cathedral before the The faithful children of the Church of Workingmen's Club which held its conhave never assumed the attitude Revolutionists, and in the present vention recently in that city. He eminded the workingmen that they difficult situation the first duty we expect them to fulfil is to respec are all participators in the power of the laws of the country, except in th governing, and that by their votes the things in which conscience is violated rulers of France must be chosen. If They must also respect the wishes of they neglect to use their powers, or awful authority, and accept with can cast their votes for the enemies of for and loyalty the civil institutions, vhile firmly resisting encroachments religion, they must expect to be f the secular power in spiritual mat crushed. He appealed to them there ers. It is their duty always to take fore to make themselves the majority in interest in, and to apply themselve in the Chamber of Deputies, as otheractively and generously to the carrying out of works which are the soul and wise the majority would strangle them, life of Christian society, especially in matters of education, the propagation and this would happen through their own fault.

of the Gospel, and the care of the poor Appeals like this must bear fruit From this extract the whole spirit of through opening the eyes of the people to their powers, and we expect that the manifesto of the five Archbishops soon there will be a resolute Catholic may be understood. They put themselves at one with the people of Franc jority in the Parliament, which will rule the country on Catholic principles, with due tolerance extended to the Protestant and Jewish minority. As matters stand the minority rules and is intolerant towards the majority, so a the intellect. The intellectual stanfere with ecclesiastical administration change in their relations is absolutely necessary. It is true that hitherto the Catholics The French Government has done generally favored one or the other of this in a spirit of hostility to religion, the Monarchical parties which have and for this reason the Archbishops been aiming to gain the ascendancy blame them, while not having a word but this division, and the fact that to say against the form of Government others were sincere Republicans, have been among the causes which threw the country into hostile hands. This to grow up on the mind a contemp is to be easily accounted for. Catholics are taught loyalty, and they were, therefore, slow to attach themselves to new political leaders, and especially to Many of the people have hitherto the Republican leaders who were their declared enemies. But they will now, for the most part, devote themselves to the purpose of working the Republic in the interests of the people, and the from right to criminality. greater union, which will be the result of this new policy, will give them strength. They are well aware that Monarchy is in no sense necessarily bound up with religion, and now that the conviction has gained ground that it is not in the interest of the country either to keep up the agitation for the restoration of any of the defunct dynasties, it can scarcely be doubted that tion to redress the grievances which they will attach themselves sincerely to the Republic and endeavor to change By their pronouncement the Arch its anti-Christian policy into one which to the faithfulness of conscientious and like, and on Sundays to the preaching bishops show that they have confidence shall be Christian Catholic. in the Catholic spirit of the country

"affords a subject for sociologists to reflect upon." If this number were smaller than in former years, in proportion as educa- be crimes of which the laws take no tion advances, or if we had any reason

to believe that it was high during the year from accidental causes, the fact and at which we get occasional would not be quite so alarming, though even in this case it would be bad enough ; but looking at the figures which are given from year to year we religious belief upon the schools are forced to the unwelcome conclusion that crime, and especially the disregard for human life, is steadily increas ing, and that the rate of increase is much greater than that of population. Thus in 1889 there were 2,650 murders ; 4,384 in 1890 ; and 6000, as we have said above, in 1891. The legal executions in the last named year numbered 123, while 195 were lynched

or executed by mobs. In the same year, 3,331 persons committed suicide. In 1890, the number of suicides was 2,640, so that selfdestruction is increasing in a ratio almost equal to that of murder.

It is certainly worth the while of all who are interested in the public welfare to enquire into the causes of this fearful state of affairs ; and there was year ago at which this very question fact, but we cannot force them to this.

was taken into consideration. It was then already known that this increase of crime is an established fact. The statistics laid before that meeting showed that in 1850 the number of convicts in the United States was 1 to 3,488; in 1860, 1 to 1,647; in 1870, 1 to 1,172; and in 1880, 1 to 885. It was pointed out at this meeting that the foreign born population afford in proportion to their numbers a larger percentage of convicts than the native oorn. There are reasons which account for this. A considerable percentage of the foreign born are from the most restless, poverty-stricken, and often from the criminal classes of the countries from which they come. When they are in America they often meet with distress and contumely, and as often they are homeless and poor.

They are thus exposed to many temp tations which the fixed population de not encounter, and it is to be expected that laboring under these disadvan tages this element will present a larger proportion to the criminal classes in society ; however the increase in crime is not among the foreign-born, but among native Americans. This is proved by the fact that whereas in

oreign population was five times greater than that of native Americans, in 1880 it was only double.

ity were discussed, and several factors were mentioned as bringing it about. but the principal one was declared to be the "tremendous weakening of the influences of religion, and the failure of the schools to give an adequate moral and industrial education."

Dr. Trumbull, who was one of the

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celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass alone be trained Ralph Nicklebys or Claud Duvals will be the principle for them.

product of the schools, and there will To the present day all efforts to amalgamate white and black into one Methodist Church have failed, both in cognizance, as well as crimes which Canada and the United States. A bring their perpetrators to the prisons, colored man would be looked upon as an intruder in a Methodist church glimpses through the prison reports. But the remedy is not that the State built for whites, and though but a few should impose its peculiar system of years ago the Methodist churches of Canada joined into one body, there is as a branch to be taught, otherno thought to this day of allowing the colored Methodists to be on a par with wise we should have Buddhism or their white brethren : but they consti-Confucianism in India and China, tute still distinct Churches both in Mahomitanism in Persia and Turkey, Mormonism in Utah, to form part of Canada and the United States. Thus the school system to be enforced by the we have to this day "African Method. State upon all children, which would ist," and "African Baptist " Churches lead us to an evident absurdity, and in Canada, the former being technione which is certainly contrary to all cally known, we believe, by the name modern notions of civilization, to say "British Methodist Episcopal Church. the least ; but the difficulty is fully met with a Bishop in Chatham. In the by the methods asked by the Catholic United States the case is the same. to be applied to her case, viz., that Unless the negroes form churches or every facility should be afforded to congregations of their own they must parents of every creed to sustain their either be looked upon as people withown religious schools, without imposout any religion, or they become Cathing upon them a penalty for so doing. olics. They are intensely religious by inclination, but though they are called If there are some, as seems to be the case with the majority of Protestants, "Methodists, and Baptists," their who will not or who cannot agree to Churches are merely caricatures of held a meeting of prominent Protest- give any positive religious teaching to those of the whites; and the Episcoant clergymen of Cleveland, Ohio, a their children, we may deplore the palians and Presbyterians are just as exclusive as are the Methodists and But all this does not justify the en-Baptists.

deavor to force those who are willing The Catholic Church makes no such to give their children the kind of edurace division as all this. In the cation which reason shows to be the Church as established by the Apostles best, to adopt an inferior system which there was "no distinction of Jew and excludes religion. Those very minis-Greek : for the same is Lord over all rich unto all that call upon him." ters who have been exhibiting so much alarm at the results of the present sys- (Rom. x., 12.) There was "neither tem of secularized school-teaching, Gentile nor Jew, circumcision nor un were among the foremost in endeav circumcision, Barbarian nor Seythian. oring to force purely secular educa bond nor free, but Christ was all and tion upon Catholics. It is well that in all." (Col. iii, 11.) So, in the even at this late hour they are begin- Catholic Church there is one priestning to have their eyes opened to the hood, one sacrifice, one altar at which all partake. The colored priests of disastrous results of the course they the United States are free to officiate have hitherto been pursuing. We in Canada ought to profit by the at any Catholic altar in any country

experience of our neighbors, and to in the world. reflect what would be the result of com-The Catholic Church is the Church which was established by the Apostles plete secularization of the schools here, to teach all mankind, and, of course, if once it were established ; and thos who are clamoring for the abolition of like the primitive Church, she recog-Catholic schools would do better to ennizes no distinction between her men deavor to secure more religious and bers on account of nationality or moral teaching for their own children color. Thus the colored Catholics of than to seek to deprive Catholics of the United States are ministered to by what they enjoy at their own cost in white priests, since there are so few others, and the colored people assist

THE CHURCH AND THE COL ORED RACE.

it occurs very seldom that there is to be found a Catholic church specially Some of the Canadian and United for colored people, though in a few States Methodist religious press have instances they prefer to form a conbeen quoting recently in great glee, gregation by themselves, and they are an extract from the Michigan Methodpermitted to do so. The Josephite ist Advocate, to the effect that the priests of Baltimore devote themselves Catholic Church has done little or exclusively to the spiritual wants of nothing towards the Christian educathe colored people, and all the students tion of the blacks on this continent. of St. Joseph's Seminary, in the same The passage dwells particularly on the city, solemnly promise that they will fact that there are only two colored undertake no mission which will priests in the United States one of interfere with their work of attending

whom was ordained in Rome and the to the colored race exclusively. FEBRUARY 27, 1892.

IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT. The long promised Local Government Bill for Ireland was brought before the British House of Commons on Friday, the 19th inst., and it met from the Liberals and Home Rulers of both sections just such a reception as was excepted by all who knew the determination of Ireland to have a Bill which will give the Government of Ireland really into the hands of the people, instead of leaving it in those of the officials of Dublin Castle, as hitherto.

It professes to give local Government to Ireland similar to that extended to English and Scotch County Councils, instituting with this object Baronial Councils with administrative duties, but leaving untouched the present offices of Grand Jurors. There will be four ex-officio members of these Councils, who will be government officials so that the action of the Council may be strongly under Government control. The right of franchise will be so restricted as really to give the power of electing these Councils to the rich landlords, who will be able to vote in every district in which they hold property, so that by their multiplied powers of voting they may more surely control the elections Under such a law there was little need to restrain the powers of legislation within a limited sphere which are pro posed to be given to the Councils, fo there is no fear but the Councils wil be just what the landlords desire, as i is in their interest that the Tory Gov ernment introduces the Bill.

With all the safeguards to landlor interests implied in the features of this Bill as already enumerated, if the provisions heretofore announced are proserved, as is probably the case, th power of vetoing all the legislation the Baronials Council is given to the Castle authorities, who, of course, a expected to regard the majority of th Irish people in the same light in whi they are looked upon by Lord Sal bury, who has already told the wor that to grant powers of legislation the majority in Ireland would be menace the liberties of the minority.

On these lines the new Bill is o pected to operate. It is a Bill to ena the landlords to grind their tenan more unmercifully than ever. It i Bill to throw more power into the ha of the minority than they possess ev now, and it is no wonder that it sho beindignantly spurned by every frie of Ireland.

The cable despatches tell us that opposition offered to the Bill by United Gladstonian and Irish par is so resolute that the ministers are concerted and dismayed. They c expect nothing else than this. people of Ireland have learned that Parliament and Ministry of G Eritain have too much to do to at to the welfare of Ireland ; and in past they have not attended t rishmen alone understand the w and necessities of the country, and

Irishmen will be able to legislat

1850 the ratio of foreign crime to

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this respect.

ther in Baltimore, whereas there are

the Church, because she is a good as far as the latter have shown their mother, does not wish to impose too heavy burdens on her children, I be-lieve myself justified in using the desire to be under Republican institutions, but they remind the Government and the people that it is not the Faculty granted, in the foregoing letter, to me in common with all the business of the Government to inter-Bishops of the Catholic world. Therefore I decree as follows : in spiritual matters.

During the whole time of Lent of this year no one amongst the Faithful of the Diocese shall be bound by the law of Abstinence, except on the Friday of each week. Flesh meat may be used on all other days and many

times each day. During the same time no one shall itself. The evils which the Government has done may be corrected be obliged to observe the law of Fasting on any day, except Good Friday. under the Constitution, and it is by I make this exception because it is only right that we submit through constitutional methods that the Archbishops wish proper remedies to be obedience to this act of mortification to make some atonement for our sins applied.

on that day on which our Lord and Master, for these same sins, made Him-self "obedient unto death, even the shown great apathy in political matters. They have allowed a busy and death of the cross. (Phil. 2, 8.) • I hope sincerely that the Faithful of noisy minority to control the country,

the Diocese, whilst sharing in the privileges granted by the Holy Father and the consequence has been that Atheists, Freemasons and all who are in his goodness, will show an equal hostile to religion have had their own readiness to follow his suggestions. way, and have passed laws detrimental Let us not forget that Lent is a season to religion and the best interests of the of prayer, penance and sorrow for sin, and let us carefully avoid anything people. This is the state of affairs which would indicate that our faith in against which the Archbishops have this truth has grown weak. That we unanimously raised their voice, apmay prove by our conduct our love for pealing to the people who have hitherthe Holy Father and the fervor of our faith I recommend as follows : to been indifferent to use the powers That all amusements unsuitable to which they have under the Constitu-

the time be given up. That in every family at Night Prayers the Beads (one-third of the are complained of.

Rosary) be said, meditating on the sorrowful mysteries.

That since Alms are commonly prescribed in acknowledgment of favors , granted, the Alms given during this and they wish to arouse this spirit to Lent be much larger than usual. action. There is little or no doubt They may be given to the poor of the that if this dormant spirit be roused Parish.

That some members of every family within reasonable distance church assist on week days at the Mass which will be said at an hour to acnecessities of the situation. commodate the greatest number.

ALARMING STATISTICS.

A recent article in the Philadelphia the moral and religious nature and that if this dormant spirit be roused rarish, to the orphans or to any char-itable society established in the ruling Atheists will find that the News calls attention to what it justly day of their ascendancy shall have styles " a gloomy chapter in the social passed away, and as we understand history of the United States." During teach

chief speakers on the occasion, entering thirteen thousand Methodist ministers into detail on this point, said :

"The peculiar characteristic of our which relates that a hare boasted of its modern educational system as such is superiority to the lioness inasmuch as that it deals almost exclusively with it produced annually a litter of from dard of those who have been trained in our Public schools is undoubtedly eight to ten, whereas the lion had but one whelp every year. The reply was: too high. But our Public school sys "It is true I produce only one, but retems are open to serious criticism on the ground that they deal altogether member that one is a lion."

too exclusively with the intellect. The intellect is not the whole man. If the intellect simply is awakened in the schools, and the activities of the child are not turned in the direction of honorable labor : if there is suffered for work, . . . or if the mora nature is left untrained, so that the . or if the moral right and wrong of different course are disregarded, then our schools, how ever excellent may be the results of their intellectual discipline, will turn

out pupils keen and unscrupulous, who believe in living by their wits, and who, under pressure, will be ready to engage in those practices which lead "The movement in the direction of

ntroducing manual training into the Public school system is a move in the right direction, and it has come no oo soon. But specific moral training is quite as much needed to round out youthful mind and heart as is manual training. We are not to assume that there is no moral training given in our Public schools because

there is no positive provision made for The personnel of it in the system. our teaching force is vastly in advance of the requirements of the system as We owe more than we realize such. Christian teachers in inculcating fundamental, moral and religious truths

to their pupils. But the systems under which they labor practically ignore necessities of the child. They do nothing as such to insure moral qualifications in those who are appointed to

the signs of the times, the true Catho- the year 1891 there have been nearly Mr. Trumbull here states very preach to those of their race, but are lies are becoming fully alive to the ten thousand deaths by murder and clearly a radical defect of the United also invited and sought after to suicide, a fact which, says the News, States school system. If the intellect instruct white congregations, and to blessing of God on our country.

It is quite true that the larg najority of the colored people of the This reminds us of the fable of Esop United States are Methodist or Baptists.

The slave holders were nearly all non-Catholics, during the slavery period, and would scarcely allow any other religion to be practiced by their slaves except some form of Protestantism, and it is to this that we must attribute the fact that the caricature of religious worship

at Mass and receive the sacraments on

an equality with the whites. Indeed

Every one knows that the training which was established for them was of a Catholic priest is a most careful called Methodist or Baptist. But durone to fit him for his duties ; and when ing the last few years the Catholie he has completed his studies, and has religion has received much attention had instilled into him the methods of from the blacks, as they have found the practice and teaching of virtue, that the Catholic Church alone recoghe is competent to do his work : and nizes them as having souls like those the two colored Catholic priests have of whites, and the Church has accordin every respect been trained to their ingly made great progress among work after the same manner with the them.

white priests in every respect. It is The colored Catholics of the United not to be supposed that they will be States have already held several con ventions or congresses for the purpose Voodoo doctors to their colored parishof promoting the interests of the ioners initiating and leading them and of these gatherings the highest into heathenish superstitions, as the encomiums have been spoken even the Protestant press. Of the third Congress held in Philadelphia, the Graphic said : "In point of intelli-Methodist ministers frequently do ; nor will they devote their energies to inculcating in lectures, like the Rev. Dr. gence and capacity for work, it was one Jasper of Richmond, Virginia, that the of the finest gatherings of the race doctrine which, above all things, ever called together. It was really a Christians are bound to believe is that treat to hear the eloquence of some of the speakers.' "the sun do move."

These Congresses were attended by For the most part, the thirteen thousome of the most eminent of the prelates sand, if the number be not greatly of the United States, among others by exaggerated, during the week devote Cardinal Gibbons, and all manifested the greatest interest in their deliberthemselves to the occupations of white-There is no room for doubt washing, chimney-sweeping, or the ations. that the foundation is laid for material progress of the Church among this of the gospel ; but, with rare exceprace which has been neglected by Pro tions, they would not be allowed by testantism.

their Methodist brethren to preach WE publish in this issue the pastoral before any white congregation, except for a joke, a thing we have known to letter of the hierarchy of the Province be done sometimes. But the two Cath. of Quebee, having reference to the olic priests of African origin, not only elections. In it will be found sentiments which are universal in their application, and most salutary admonth tions, which, if followed, will bring the them properly. Then it is no rich minority which will be willi redress the grievances which a their infliction. What Ireland is, therefore, legislation by a ma of the people for the people nothing less than this will satisf land's demand for Home Rule. They want such Home Rule a Gladstone and Sir William V Harcourt have promised to grant the Liberals come into power. they are sure to get when the in ing general election will ret Liberal majority to Parliament,

is sure to do. It is to be hoped. fore, that the Bill now befo House of Commons will be ign ously rejected, and as it does n satisfaction to Conservative more than to Liberals it is hoped that rejected it will be. is some fear, however, that Salisbury's servile majority wil in spite of all objections but, even so, as the general ele necessarily near at hand it will a very temporary measure wh be replaced by a satisfactory Rule Bill, almost before there an opportunity to put it int operation.

A RESPECTED correspondent sends us a summary of a "lect livered in that town by the Justin D. Fulton, Baptist, b departure for the United St would be a waste of time to e argument with this person. might we talk common sense to George Francis Train, or mates of the refractory wa lunatic asylum.