ST. PHILIP NERI AND MUSIC.

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It was a saint, the glorious bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose, who in the fourth century gave to the disordered sounds, that were called music before his day, an intelligible and systematic method, the first orderly musical system the world had known. St. Gregory the Great, towards the end of the sixth century, took up the work of St. Ambrose, solidified it, strengthened it with newer and more varied resources and left to the world, in the Gregorian Chant, the substratum of all melody. A saintly monk of Flanders, Hucbald of St. Armands, brought us harmony; another monk, Guido of Arezo, developed the system of musical notation; other monk, Guido of Arezzo, developed the system of musical notation; and still another monk, Franco of Cologne, introduced to the world the element of musical time.

Passing over the latter centuries of the Middle Ages when saintly men introduced the various devices of counterpoint and the glories of poly-

counterpoint and the glories of polyphony, we find ourselves at length in the middle of the sixteenth century in the Eternal City. It was the period when the Flemish influence which for more than two centuries had dominated the musical world was beginning to wane, its various accomplishments culminating in the magnificence of Orlando di Lasso. magnificence of Orlando di There existed at the time in the very centre of the Pontifical City a coterie of music lovers, among whom were such master minds as Palestrina, Animuccia, St. Charles Borromeo and Animuccia, St. Charles Borromeo and St. Philip Neri. The two former have left to the world imperishable compositions, the two latter have left only the force of their saintly heft only the force of their same, influence. All four were connected by the strongest ties of friendly intercourse and a mutual love of the musical art. In this article we will speak of them only in their relation

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The impression which in our days connects poverty and abjection with lack of mental ability would be wrong if applied to the voluntary poverty and the self-abasement which are so characteristic of the saints of the Church. If judged merely upon the basis of genius and intellectual culture the saints, both canonized and uncanonized, present one of the strongest and most productive bodies of men intellectually that the world has ever seen. The statement is made merely as a matter of fact, with no intention of insinuating that the Church regards either mental or physical qualifications in the choice of her saints; she looks rather to the illuminating graces of God which may fall with equal brilliancy upon the savant of many sciences as well as upon the poor, unjettered old woman murmuring her beads in the corner of a country church. Nevertheless the history of development in the fields of human learning presents such an array of saintly souls, near if not close to the altar, that one wonders how little of progress there would be in the world to-day if such men had never existed. This is more than evident in the fields of the saint, that one wonders how little of progress there would be in the world to-day if such men had never existed. This is more than evident in the field of mustical culture.

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the Apostle John heard in the heav-enly Jerusalem, of which this other John gives us a foretaste in the pil-grim Jerusalem," Saint Philip outlived all his grea Saint Philip outlived all his great musical friends; but the musical work which St. Philip began lived after him and will live as long as music shall last. We have spoken of St. Philip's love for music and of the musical intellects he gathered around him; it remains now to indicate the most important service which the saint performed to the advantage of the art of music. the art of music.

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When We find ourselves in a crowded audience listening to the sublime beauties of the Messigh, the Creation, Elijah or any of those charming works of the master composers, wherein the subject is taken from the Scriptures or from Church history, how seldom does the mind turn away from the glamour and display of the social crowd to the humble cell of social crowd to the humble

church in which they were first performed, were called oratories.

It must be confessed, however, that the whole idea of the modern oratorio was not brought out in the little scenes of St. Philip; but they served at least as the germs out of which grew the great art form which to-day delights the musical world The first attempt at a complete oratorio, in which the various airs and choruses were connected by a musical recitative, must be attributed to Emilio del Cavalieri. Two or three years after the death of the saint this composer set to music a work written by a celebrated poeters of the day, Laura Guidiccione, and entitled a "Representation of the Soul and Body." The piece was performed in the year 1600 in one of our saint's churches, the Vallicella, with scenes, dialogues, decorations and chorus. The success of this production was the signal for many successive works of a like nature, until finally the oratorio came to be recognized as one of the great forms of the musical art.

We have spoken as briefly as possible of only one of the intellectual activities of this most lovable saint. In the other fields of human andoover he will be found to display as great a zeal. Poet, artist, musiciover, he was above all a saint, and FOR the DRINK and DRUG HABITS

MONEY IN MUNICIPAL ADMINIS-TRATION.

It is quite evident that our neighbors have to contend with the same difficulties in regard to municipal administration that we have had to wage a war against in Montreal. The Catholic "Universe" in referring to an investigation of the acts of members of the City Council of that city,

bers of the City Council of that city, says:—
The citizens of Cleveland are being treated to an official investigation of a number of the members of the City Council, on the charge of accepting bribes. The investigation was brought about by the charge that the contract for the Gamewell Alarm Signal System was pushed through the Council by the free use of money. Possibly no charges would have been made, and consequently no investigation ordered, had not the Municipal Signal Company, of Chicago, been in the field as a competitor.
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is claimed that about \$20,000 of the contract price was attached to the bid to cover the bribes paid to city councilmen and officials for their votes and influence. Testimony has been introduced to show that some councilmen got \$400 each for their votes. The denials have been as explicit as the charges. However, one of the councilmen has been served with a warrant of arrest, and the outlook is that others will be similarly treated.

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The public is generally convinced that the charges in most of the cases are true. However, it is always well to follow th? principle that "Every man must be considered innocent until he is proved guilty."

We are all convinced that bribery is rife. We know very well that honest men do not expend five times the amount of official salary to obtain a political office. When they expend their own money so lavishly, they expect to get it back without many scruples as to the means. When they permit the expense of their election to be paid by corporations or associations, they enter the Council tabooed men, branded with the corporations or associations, and the rights of the people bartered away by the Judas-like trators who pose as honest representatives of the municipality. "Is it I?" Possibly. We have been positively and specifically informed that "go betweens" have approached candidates for the Council with more money for expenses, by far, than the entire salary would amount to for the entire term. Were not such offers a price set upon the people's rights? Was it pure generosity, disinterested friendary would amount to for the entire term. Were not such offers a price set upon the people's rights? Was it pure generosity, disinterested friend-ship or the cool calculation of the profits expected from the investment that prompted the offers to procure councilmanic honors for the recipi-ents of the money?

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men to act on the principle that "all is well" when no discovery is made. The men who take bribes, such as charged in the Gamewell contract, should know that it is not the company's money they get, but the money of the taxpayers. The company merely adds to its legitimate bid to cover illegitimate "expenses." Should such people be conscience stricken, as they ought to be, the imperative restitution of the bribe money should be made to the city treasury. To steal from the community is not less a crime than to steal from the individual. The sin is the same in kind. That bribery is widespread is well known to all who seek "favors" from officials. Lately the insurance companies organized in Hartford to versit the blackment of the censorate; Kang Yi, assistant grand acceptance of the companies organized in Hartford to versit the blackment of the censorate; Kang Yi, assistant grand acceptance of the companies organized in Hartford to versit the blackment of the censorate; Kang Yi, assistant grand acceptance of the companies organized in Hartford to versit the blackment of the censorate; Kang Yi, assistant grand acceptance of the companies organized in Hartford to versit the blackment of the censorate; Kang Yi, assistant grand acceptance of the company's more than to steal from the company's more than the found of the harmless little rodent, which had thrown her so completely off her guarded space the involve the found of the very state of the company and exposed the imposture. Of the very state of the company and exposed the imposture of the found of the harmon her so completely off her guarded the found at thrown her so completely off her guarded the money of the tax part of the company and exposed the imposture. Of the way and exposed the imposture of the found of the tox of the company of the tax part of the company of the tax part

known to all who seek "favors" from officials. Lately the insurance companies organized in Hartford to resist the blackmail of State officials. We read of one State insurance commissioner who withheld certificates to companies of other States until they paid him, "on the quiet," a sufficient sum from that raid to keep him in comfort the rest of his life. "For the Lord thy God abhorreth him that doth these things, and He hateth all injustice."

HOW A DOCTOR DETECTED FRAUD.

Physicians often have to exercis Physicians often have to exercise great care to avoid becoming the victims of imposition. If a dishonest applicant for a pension can hoodwink some doctor the latter's certificate may be made the means of perpetrating a fraud upon the government, and social parasites who seek to sponge on public and charitable institutions are always trying to inveigle a physician into saying

itable institutions are always trying to inveigle a physician into saying the word or writing the line which would gain them admission.

An interesting case in point was related by the leading oculist of Montreal, a man whose practice extended far outside of the bounds of the city. One day a young woman the city. One day a young woman came into the office, accompanied by an older woman, apparently the mo-ther. The young woman wore col-ored glasses, which one might have fred glasses, which one might have assumed to be superfluous, as it was claimed that the girl was totally blind. What was wanted of the doctor was a certificate authenticating this claim of blindness; putting it beyond dispute; and it was frankly stated that the object in seeking this was to obtain certain aids and advantages of a philanthropic nature impossible of access otherwise. The standing of the oculist was such that a statement from him would carry full weight wherever presented.

This says that Ying Nien, president of the censorate; Kang Yl, assistant grand secretary, and president of the civil board; and Chao Shu Chiao, president of the board of punishment, will be decapitated, and that Prince Chwang, Duke Tsai Lan, and Prince Yth, will be sentenced to life imprisonment.

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Prince Tuan will be banished to the Imperial military post roads on the Siberian frontier, as a further punishment for aiding the Boxers.

Final action has not yet been taken on the French note, and it will be some days before the response will be ready. The constitutional questions involved require further time for consideration.

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In high diplomatic quarters the suggestion was made to-day that the powers send a special envoy to Sianfu, the new abode of the imperial family, with a collective note urging the return of the Emperor to Pekin, and giving guarantees for the personal safety of the imperial household. Such an envoy, it was said, hold. Such an envoy, it was could accomplish much more could accomplish much more than the circuitous negotiations through Chinese officials. The suggestion also was made that Chang Chi Tung, the viceroy of one of the southern pro-vinces, would be well qualified to ex-ecute such a mission, if the powers could be brought together in a col-lective request. lective request.

WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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WHOLESALE WARKET REPORTS

GRAIN. — The feature of the local market is the advance of buckwheat, which is now quoted at 55c. Other lines are about steady. Oats are quoted at 28c to 28½c; peas, 66½c to 67c; barley, 48c; rye, 56c; spring wheat, 76c; Manitoba No. 1 hard wheat afloat Fort William, 89c.
Liverpool quotations are as follows:—Spring wheat, 6s 6½d; red winter, 8s 3½d; No. 1 Cala., 6s 7d; corn, 4s 5½d; peas, 5s 10½d.

FLOUR AND FEED.—The market continues fairly active with values quite firm. Quotations are as follows:—Manitobe patents, at \$4.70. strong bakers, at \$4.40 to \$4.50. straight rollers, \$1.60 to \$1.75 in bags, and \$3.25 to \$3.50 in barrels winter wheat patents, \$4 to \$4.25. Manitoba bran, \$16 in bags; Ontaric bran, \$15.50 to \$15.75 in balk; shorts, \$1.50 to \$15.75 in balk; shorts, \$17 to \$18 per ton.

PROVISIONS.—The market keeps firm with a good steady demand and limited receipts.

Dressed hogs are quoted to-day at \$25, lard, 9½c to 10c, bacon, 12½c to 14c; hams, 11c to 12c, Canadian hort cut mess pork, \$18 to \$19 per barrel.

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EGGS. — The market continues firm. Supplies are not excessive, while there is a fair local and foreign demand. Prices are firm as follows: Selected eggs, 17c to 18c; and straight receipts, 14c to 15c: seconds, 11c to 12c; culls, 9c to 10c.

HONEY. — The supply of good white honey in comb or tins is very limited, and good prices could be obtained. Dark honey is in excessive supply, and combs are moving slow-ly at 8c to 9c. We would quote white combs at 12c to 13c; white extracted at 9c to 10c, and dark extracted at 7c to 8c.

BUTTER. — The market shows some improvement, consequent on the large decrease in the supplies during the past few days. Business, however, is extremely dull, and is almost confined to local trade. Finest BUTTER. — The market creamery is quoted at 20½c to 20%c; choice stock at 19½c to 19%c, and dairy rolls at 17c to 18c.

CHEESE.—The tone of the market is rather improved, but business continues quiet, and values are unlikely to advance to any extent until the fall make is well bought up. Westerns are quoted at 11½c to 11½c; Easterns, at 10½c to 11c, and Quebec at 10½c to 130. becs at 10%c to 10%c.

DAIRY MARKETS. - Ingersoll,

DAIRY MARKETS. — Ingersoil, Ont., Oct. 9.—Offerings to-day 1,-805 boxes; no sales; 10½c highest bid. Salesmen easing off some in their ideas, but there still appears to-be considerable difference between them and buyers.

Campbellton, Ont., Oct. 9. — At the regular meeting of the cheese board here to-day 1,445 boxes were boarded. Sales made —Benton, 285; Watkins, 260; Cook, 290; Bird, 480; Kerr, 120; all at 10 15-16c. Balance refused.

New York, Oct. 9.—Butter, steady: creamery, 16c to 20½c; factory, 13½c to 16c; June creamery, 15c to 17c; state dairy, 15c to 20c. Cheese, dult and weak; large, 10¾c, and small white, 11c; large colored, 10¾c; small colored, 11c.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET. —
Chicago, Oct. 10.—Cattle — Receipts, 21,000; including 3,000 westerns and 2,200 Texans. Choice steady to 5 cents lower; others, 10 cents lower; butchers stock steady; western and Texans steady to 10 cents lower; good to prime steers, \$5.40 to \$6; poor to medium, \$4.50 to \$5.35; stockers and feeders, choice steady; others weak, \$2.75 to \$4.40; cows, \$2.65 to \$4.25; heifers, \$2.75 to \$4.60; canners, \$2 to \$2.50; calves, \$4 to \$6.10; Texas fed steers, \$4.20 to \$4.90; Texas grassers, \$3.40 to \$4.10; Texas Bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.25. Hogs — Receipts to \$4.80; light, \$4.80 to \$5.30; bulk of sales at \$5 to \$5.30.

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