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World-wide Inquietude.

Described in Pope Leo's Latest Encyclical—Unity of the Church.

Rome, March 30.—The *Observatore Romano*, the organ of the Vatican, prints the encyclical issued by the Pope to-day, in which he says the time has come when he must recognize that he is approaching the end of the term of his life on earth and that this encyclical should be his testament to the Catholic Church.

The Pope says he would encourage the Catholic Bishops throughout the world to continue vigorously to resist the persecutions which now afflict the Church. These persecutions will continue, but they will not affect the spread of the light of Christ among infidels. Never has humanity found itself in more miserable conditions than at present. There is disorder in all social relations and especially in family relations; excessive liberty has been created which has fostered socialism and anarchism.

Unjust wars, the encyclical says, are being waged by strong nations against weak and feeble peoples. There are exaggerated armaments among great nations, the effects of which are even more disastrous than war. All these things have created world-wide inquietude. Unceasing troubles and misery have provoked the people to anarchism, which henceforth promises to constitute a formidable league against Emperors, Kings and Presidents of all governments. These governments must adopt decisive measures for the defence of genuine liberty and must enforce the teaching of religion.

In conclusion the Pope invokes the union of Christian churches as the leading remedy to save society from the violent attacks of Atheists and Freemasonry. He maintains the necessity of upholding the temporal rights of the church and counsels the active spread of Catholic workmen's societies.

His Holiness thanks the bishops for their friendly manifestations on the occasion of his jubilee and proceeds to deplore the spread of Atheism, which he finds to be invading all departments of the state. He also condemns the forthcoming institution of the law of divorce in Italy, and urges all Catholics to combat doctrines contrary to religion.

Church Robbery in Barrie.

The peace of Holy Week was broken in this diocese by the shocking burglary committed in Very Rev. Dean Egan's church in Barrie, but the prudent conduct of the Dean undoubtedly saved worse desecration and won for the cool-headed priest the admiration, not only of his fellow townsmen but of the entire public throughout the province.

Before midnight on Ash Wednesday, Dean Egan from his rectory window noticed a light moving in the church, and going at once to investigate the matter he perceived upon entering the sacred edifice a burglar rifling the altar. Preparations had been made for Holy Thursday and the Blessed Sacrament was in the chapel. Father Egan, therefore, was not afraid of the desecration of the Blessed Sacrament and decided upon the instant not to frighten the robber away. He made up his mind to capture the fel-

low and any associates might have without a very violent struggle, and going back to the rectory telephoned down to the hotel for any gentlemen who might be there to come up at once. The response was general and in a few minutes the church was surrounded. When the burglar came out he walked into the arms of a stalwart resident and was overpowered without trouble. The town police in the meantime had been communicated with and captured an associate who fought with his captors and afterwards endeavored to break jail.

A correspondent of The Register, writing from Barrie on April 1 says: "Both burglars are in jail. They have pleaded guilty and will be sentenced to-morrow. The public expectation is that they will get ten years in the Penitentiary. They had broken the vestry door open and as they were caught with some trifling church articles in their possession, it would have been useless to make defence. They broke the poor boxes, but beyond this very little damage had been done."

The Register in presenting these facts believes that the Catholic people of Ontario will feel pleased that the character of the robbery was not worse. Dean Egan is entitled to all the credit which his quiet management of the matter deserves, and it must be said for the police force of Barrie that they did quick and conclusive work in capturing the second burglar.

The Catholic Press.

(By Bishop O'Hare.)

"There is another field in which the lay apostolate can exercise most salutary influence and erect a mighty fortification to withstand in the hour of trial the attacks made upon our Holy Faith I am alluding to the Catholic press. The Church, faithful to her Divine commission to save the ransomed flock of Christ and to guard them against influences which would alienate them from their religion, has always made use of all legitimate means at hand and pressed them into her service. The pages of history everywhere testify how music and architecture were used by the Church, in conjunction with her doctrine, to bring truth and civilization to the barbarians. The printing press in our days is one of the means which the Church must use, both for defense and instruction. In an age when pagan ideas rush in in a mighty torrent to destroy the bulwarks of faith, and often carry away with them many a precious soul; in an age when atheism is eating up the vitals of social and Christian life, the Church stands in need of a press that is ready to explode the fallacies of infidelity and to bring into high relief the splendor of Christian truth. The Catholic press in America, in most cases at least, is presided over by men of ability and learning, many of courage and Christian zeal, men who are just fitted to do the work which they have undertaken; but, alas! they receive no inspiration, no encouragement and no reward. It is not the fault of the Catholic editors that we cannot boast of a strong Catholic press, but the fault of Catholic readers who fail to see the importance and the great advantages of a fully supported press. In this field the lay apostolate can do an immense amount of good.

"Let some one in each parish exercise his influence, and if need be, canvass for subscribers and introduce Catholic papers into Catholic homes. Here, again, the Catholics of Germany are our model and a source of inspiration. In the year 1871, when the haughty chancellor undertook his lamentable mission to destroy the influence of the Church, there were but three newspapers in Germany. When, however, in 1878, the laity came to the rescue of the Church and realized the immense advantage of the press, there was a notable increase in the number of Catholic papers."

The various organizations of Catholic laymen in this country, comments The Baltimore Mirror, owe much of their strength and prestige to the fostering aid of the Catholic press. Catholic journals are ever ready to place their columns at the service of these bodies and to do all in their power, to wield all their influence, to exert all their endeavors to make known, to make favorably known and to spread to the utmost limits, range and membership our Catholic lay societies. These unselfish labors cannot be said to be fairly requited. Officers and organizers of these organizations are anxious to employ the Catholic press for the furtherance of their aims, but very unwilling to exert any influence or authority for the propagation and encouragement of the Catholic press.

This is a grievous error of policy and of judgment. The laity of the country are now well organized, but their growth depends in small degree upon the manner of their support by the Catholic press. Let our lay organizations do something for the cause of Catholic literature, for the apostolate of Catholic journalism. Their own best interests will be most securely fostered by this course, which a spirit of true reciprocity demands be pursued for the sake of honesty.



HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIII.

An English Rector's Offer.
New York, April 1.—The Rev. Dr. R. C. Fillingham, the English clergyman who is carrying on a pro-boer agitation in this country, made this answer to a newspaper correspondent who asserted that the minister was condemned by public opinion in England:
"If on my return to my parish at Heltton I am not received with cheers and ringing of the church bells, and if I am disciplined by the Church authorities, then I promise, when I come back to this country next September, to swallow my hat publicly in the Fifth Avenue Hotel lobby."

The Coronation Oath.
In the House of Commons last week Captain Donelan asked the First Lord of the Treasury whether the British Mission, headed by Lord Deuigh, which recently waited upon the Pope, was authorized by the Government to give an assurance that the Coronation Oath would be so modified as to contain nothing offensive to His Majesty's Catholic subjects.
Mr. W. Johnston—Before the right hon. gentleman answers the question, may I ask him if he is aware that at a recent date petitions signed by more than half a million persons

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declaration or Coronation Oath in the direction indicated in the question?
Mr. Balfour—I am aware of the fact my hon. friend has just stated, but it really has no bearing on the question on the paper. The answer to the question on the paper is in the negative.
Captain Donelan—May I ask the right hon. gentleman why this opportunity was not availed of to take some such step? I think I am entitled to an answer.
Mr. Balfour—The hon. gentleman is not entitled to an answer, but I will give him one. It was not an appropriate occasion.

The Pope and the London Chapter.
The London Tablet states: In honor of the new Cathedral at Westminster, the Holy See has raised the number of the Metropolitan Chapter to eighteen, the number of the Chapters of St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major, in Rome. To correspond with this gracious act seven new Canons have been appointed, as follows: Right Rev. Monsignor J. E. Crook, of Thorndoo; Right Rev. Monsignor J. Vaughan; Very Rev. G. Delaney, Church of Our Lady, St. John's Wood; Very Rev. Langton Vere, of St. Patrick's, Soho Square, Very Rev. W. Fleming, of St. Mary's, Moorfields, Very Rev. Michael Fanning, of the Pro Cathedral, Kensington; and Very Rev. Thomas Dunn, Secretary to His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop, Right Rev. J. L. Patterson, Bishop of Emmaus, has been appointed Provost. In addition to the extension of its membership, the Holy See has also honored the Cathedral Chapter by granting it the same canonical dress as is worn by the Canons of the Patriarchal Basilicas of Rome.

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Observatore Romano on the Boer War—English Church Hopes A...

Rome, March 25.—The text of the appeal issued by the Pope for prayer throughout all Christendom, irrespective of sect, for the hastening of peace in South Africa, is creating much comment. As published in The Observatore Romano, recognized as the organ of the Vatican, as nearly as any paper can be, it reads:
Before the horrors of the war conducted in South Africa with so much obstinacy Catholic spirit is filled with great grief and considers the day at hand for ending the mutual hatred of the combatants, when, instead of anger, peace will spread her wings over that blood-soaked country. English and Boers are alike the sons of God. All are brothers.

Political interests may divide them, but both should recognize that this bloody war is disastrous to both. There is nobody but admits that dignified peace is desirable. It is desired by the combatants themselves.
Blessed will be the hour when the English nation will see fit to end its sacrifices and when the valiant Boers will join in a sentiment of concord. The Catholic hallelujah will resound more happily through the entire world, even among dissenters, who join in wishing that conclusion of peace of which Christ was the author and consummator.

Who can dare separate himself from those hearts which daily call upon Heaven to give peace which will reunite Christian civilization, bearing a common legitimate mission to save human generations?

London, March 25.—A "prayer for peace" was the only novel feature of the observance of Good Friday in Great Britain. The Bishops of London, Rochester and St. Alban's issued special appeals to their diocese to unite in prayer that both British and Boers be granted the temper of peacemakers, pointing out that similar prayers are being offered in the Dutch churches of Pretoria. A Sunday atmosphere pervades everything here. All business is suspended. The government offices are shut up.

Holy Week and Easter.
During Holy Week at the Cathedral, the office of Te Deum was chanted on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. On Holy Thursday morning the ceremony of the blessing of the oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Extreme Unction, took place. His Grace the Archbishop celebrated Pontifical High Mass and performed the ceremonies. He was assisted by Vicar-General McCann, assistant priest, and Rev. Fathers Teely and Hand deacons of honor. Rev. Fathers Trayling and Coyle were deacon and sub-deacon, and Father Treacy master of ceremonies. All the priests of the diocese were present in the sanctuary. After the ceremony of the blessing of the oils, the procession took place to the repository, where the usual indulgences were announced.

On Good Friday morning Mass of the Pre-Sanctified was sung and the ceremony of the Adoration of the Cross took place. A very large congregation was present in the church. His Grace the Archbishop, before the ceremony, explained the meaning of the Adoration of the Cross.
On Holy Saturday, the Lapsimal Water was blessed.
On Easter Sunday morning the Archbishop solemnly pontificated, assisted by Fathers O'Neill, Canning, Burke and Rohleder. Fathers Treacy and Meehan were deacons and sub-deacon of the Mass. After the communion His Grace the Archbishop preached an impressive sermon on the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. In the evening Rev. Father Rohleder, assisted by Fathers Canning and Meehan, sang Vespers. The sermon on the Divinity of the Catholic religion was preached by Rev. Dr. Treacy. The choir sang Gregorian chant, interspersed with productions from Catholic composers. Miss Adelo Lemaître was organist, and Mr. Richardson conductor of the choir.

Death of the Scottish Archbishop.

A line in the cable despatches of last week mentioned the death of the Scottish Archbishop. In this connection it is sadly interesting to remark that on Saturday, March 15 last, the venerable Archbishop, the Most-Rev. Dr. Eyr, LL. D., celebrated the anniversary of his translation to the Western See, and on Wednesday, the 19th, he attained the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. His Grace's health had rendered necessary the postponement of the religious and other observances appropriate to the jubilee, but it was sincerely hoped and fervently prayed for that he would be able to attend a special service in the Cathedral. In all the Catholic churches of the city on Sunday prayers were asked and offered up on His Grace's behalf.

St. Mary's C.L. and A.A.
The regular weekly meeting was held in the rooms of the Association, the President, Mr. C. J. ... in the chair. A lecture was given by Mr. M. J. Quinn, a member of the Association, illustrating the working of the Septic Tank system, which was very instructive and much appreciated. Mr. Quinn also exhibited a model of his patent in connection with same, which has already met with much success.
The last debate was taken part in by Messrs. J. J. Power and C. J. Gilroy for the affirmative, and J. A. Muldoon and J. T. Loftus for the negative. Subject: "Resolved, That Free Trade with the U. S. is Desirable." Mr. J. J. McLaughlin was chairman and J. J. Murray critic.
Messrs. W. H. Johnston, W. Flanagan, G. Furlong and H. H. Garigue were chosen for the debate at the next meeting.

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