St. Columba

Few characters in history, sacred or profane, are so fascinating as St. Columba, or Columbkille, the thirteenth centenary of whose death fe!l on the this month. Not even St. Patrick is the subject of so many legends, though the certified facts of alone represent St. Columba as one of the most marvellous of men. A sympathetic and discerning French-man, Montalembert, thus portrays his character :

"He was at the same time full of con tradictions and contrasts—at once ten-der and irritable, rude and courteous, ironical and compassionate, caressing and imperious, grateful and revenge and imperious, graceful and imperious, graceful as by wrath; ever moved by generous passions, and among all passions fired to the very end of his life by two which his countrymen understand the best—the love of poetry and the of country. . . .

Trained by prayer a d austerities to triumphs of evangelical exposition; despising rest, untiring in mental and manual toil; born for eloquence, and gifted with a voice so penetrating and sonorous that it was thought of afterward as one of the most miraculous gifts that he had received of God frank and loyal, original and power ful in his words as in his actions; in cloister and mission and parliamen on land and on sea, in Ireland as in Scotland, always swayed by the love of God and of his neighbor, whom he served with an impassioned uprightness-such was Columba. Besides the monk and missionary there was in him the makings of a sailor, soldier, poet, and orator. To us, looking back he appears a personage as singular as he is lovable; in whom, through all the mists of the past and all the cross lights of legend, the man may still be recog nized under the saint, -a man capaple and worthy of the supreme honor of holiness, since he knew how to subdue his inclinations, his weakness, his instincts, and his passions, and to trans form them into docile and invincible weapons for the salvation of souls and the honor and glory of God. '

Columba's passion for literature was one of his most remarkable character istics. He not only wrote many beau-tiful poems himself, but he is credited with the enormous achievement of hav ing transcribed three hundred copie Gospel with his own hand .-Ave Maria.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The Blood of Jesus Christ preserve us from the exterminating angel. The demon dares not approach; he realizes that a hidden force will repel him; the Christian is marked with a divine seal. Through a recent sacramental or spiritual Communion, by which the Saviour's Blood has been communicated to us, we escape a multitude of accidents. This Blood is a principle of strength

in combat. When one recurs to It with the necessary conditions, It ensures victory. In the cembat with the in combat. dragon, this cry was heard in heaven They overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb." (Apoc. xii. II.)

Let us dip our weapons in this Blood.

Saint Edmund, having fought against a violent temptation, through the Precious Blood, obliged the demon to acknowledge what it was he dreaded Satan replied: "What you have just invoked."

Saint Chrysostom says: "It puts devils to flight." And certainly when holy water has the effect, will not Our Lord's Blood be still more potent?

What insured victory to the Re deemer will always render us parti cipants in His triumph: In this sign shall thou conquer.

It is the seed of virtue. It bestows

Chastity; "the Wine maketh virgins to spring forth" (Zacharias, ix, It destroys concupiscence and thus sanctifies the body. Through the Blessed Eucharist, mortals become chaste, for it emits a celestial odor which dispels the pestilential exhalations of the flesh. It is when imbued with this Blood, which sprang from the Virgin of virgins, that we joyfully consecrate our virginity to to God and often an aspiration towards the Divine Blood suffices to extinguish all voluptuous flames.

It appeases anger. When the fire of rage is burning, a few drops of the Blood of the meek Lamb of God will of their own virtue calm wrath by recalling the patience with which I was shed and the prohibition of ap proaching His Body and Blood with a heart ulcerated by anger. Unless we would hear this Blood cry out against us, it is impossible to harbor a vengeful thought when communicating sacra-mentally or spiritually.—The Voice of the Precious Blood.

Vanishing Puritanism.

In a canvass made by the Cinnecticut Bible Society, in the town of Windham, some instructive facts were brought to light, says The Advance, a Congregationalist paper. Protestant families were found to have many more Bibles than Roman Catholic families, but on the other hand the average Catholic family could outvote the average Protestant family two to one in the number of children in the household. Half the people are now Roman Catholic, and the proportion increases with generation. The priests note this, and say, with social statistics to sustain "We shall soon outvote the Protestants, for we are certain to outpopulate them by a superior birthrate. The fact is undeniable, and the Protestant population of New England, if they retain their numerical superiority must do one of two things. The familof the native population must double in size, or converts must be won

to Protestantism from Roman Catholic families. The time was when New England families were Hebraistic in size, when the households of Connecti cut sent forth families like a flock ; but such is not the case now, except in French, Irish and other families of foreign extraction. So far as the tendancy is concerned it is easy to forecast the result. The Yankee does not seem to be taking New England. Not many years hence he will be vastly outnum bered on his own grounds, and his supremacy will be gone unless by religious and educational influences he can transform an increasing proportion of the population, which is now more or less alien, into a population which will be favorable to New England ideals.

CONVERTS IN DIFFERENT DIOCESES. "In some well-know churches the yearly number of converts runs up to very near 100. The Redemptorists very near 100. The Redemptorists in Boston have received about 1,100 since their establishment there. the archdiocese of New York last year I,208 were received. In the cathedral of Baltimore the highest number received in a year was 46. In the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Boston, the average yearly crop is over 50. In this city of Milwaukee (not in the archdiocese) 96 converts were confirmed.

The article concludes with the statement that in the future the diocesan authorities intend to compile accurate and complete figures relating to con verts in all parts of the country, and that the Paulists Fathers will continue to pursue their investigations on this

ANSWERS TO DIFFICULTIES.

Some Protestant readers of the new Apostolic letter says the Church Pro gress, will find some incongruity between the closing paragraphs and the body of the document. The doctrine of the Holy Ghost will appeal to them, but they will start back from Indulgences and from the Blessed Virgin Mary. But the incongruity is only imaginary : their difficulty arises from their deficiency in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and in appreciation of the sublimity of the supernatural creation which is the Holy Spirit's work.

The Gospel narrative presents Mary to us as the Spouse of the Holy Ghost and since she is the mother of Jesus, our Elder Brother, she is our mother When Jesus Christ is "born in as in Bethlehem, of Mary by the power of the Holy Ghost. To the Divine operation there must be added the human co-operation, of which Our Lady has furnished us the most perfect example, and which we can best learn at her maternal feet.

The doctrine of the mother of God and of Sacred Indulgences are both bound up in that Scriptural conception, so hard for the carnal mind to grasp, of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. Indulgences are among the most precious tokens of our supernatural oneness with Jesus Christ and each other All the treasures of the Precious Blood, all the treasures of Blood-redeemed life ("Precious in the sight of God is the life of His saints") are the common heritage of the Church, which is mystically identical with the Divine Redeemer

There is one other point in the Encyclical at which the Protestant will cavil. It is the reference to baptism and confirmation as means by which the Holy Ghost is conferred. The Bible teaches the Catholic doctrine clearly (e, g., St. John iii, 5, Acts xix, 6, Heb. vi, 2), and the objections made to it are the result of misunderstandings and thoughtlessness.

born of the Holy Ghost in the sacra ment of baptism is compelled to choose between one of these alternatives either that all young children are loss or else that it is possible to be saved without faith. If any infants are saved they must have first been united to Christ by grace and if they can be saved without grace and the super-natural virtues of faith, hope and charity which it inspires and embodies, then the rest of mankind can But the Scriptures expressly teach that salvation is only possible through Christ, and through the actual posses sion of the grace and virtue that flows

The germs of supernatural life implanted at baptism lie undeveloped if the child does not receive a Christian nurtive, and are killed by the first mortal sin. Then "there is left no sacrifice for sin [i. e., the Redemption is to that man as if it had never been wrought, but a certain dreadful expectation of judgment (Hebrews x, 26, That soul now "dead" in tres passes and sins" must be converted to God by the Holy Spirit, and humble itself before Him in penance, and be purified love and suffering, ere it can be admitted to Eternal Blessedness.

A Stranger.

One day a scholarly looking man, plainly dressed, went into a church in Holland, and took a seat near the pul-A few minutes later a haughty lady swept up to the pew, and, seeing a stranger in it, ordered him, by an imperious gesture, to leave it. stranger obeyed, and, going into one of the seats reserved for the poor, joined devoutly in the services. After they were over, the lady's friends gathered around her, and demanded whether she know who it was that she had treated so rudely.
"No." "Some pushing stranger,

she replied. "It was King Oscar of Sweden," was

the answer. "He is here visiting the

queen. Her mortification may be imagined.

THE MODERN PASSION OF PITY.

There have been times in the history of the world when mankind seemed to be seized by a general passion for war, for degenerate sensualism, or for religious enthusiasm. But in these days, according to Jesse Albert Locke. in the current issue of the St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly there seems to have been developed what he calls Modern Passion of Pity." Societies of every conceivable description are formed nowadays for the alleviation of suffering, want and misery. Legislatures are called upon to incorporate societies to protect dumb animals, and even to provide them asylums and hospitals, societies that project all sorts of good for humanity, some to provide work or material comforts for the poor, some to give them recreation in winter or country outings in the summer, societies to secure them legal rights or to provide them with free treatment and healing for all manner of diseases in short, societies to supply an answer to almost every human desire or need Never before were men so easily moved by tales of distant distress : never was it so easy to raise funds for the sufferers by fire or flood or war or pestilence. Mr. Locke, in this admirable article, successfully combats the altruistic idea of charity, by which he means the giving of alms in a manner which tends inevitably to the deterioration of character and the stirring of popular discontent. With Catholics, on the other hand, deeds of charity are rooted deeply in the supernatural. "That which makes Christian charity a higher, nobler thing," says Mr. higher, nobler thing," says Mr. Locke, "that which differentiates it from that passion of pity for human ills which moves the humanitarian and the altruist is simply this: True Christian charity works with eyes ever fixed upon eternity. The soul is more than the body; poverty and suffering not only are not unmixed evils-not even the greatest of evils—but they exist for a divine purpose. Go back to the early Christians. Their alms and their tender personal devotion to the needy and the sick were new things to the heathen world which looked on in wonder. But they did not stop there. With a higher charity they offered hope to the soul, and they made it clear what moved them to kindly deeds. While striving as far as possible to soften the hardships or sweeten the lot of the wretched, they did not hesitate at the same time to tell the most miserable, with vivid plain ness, that they were all sinners, -that by their sins against the light of conscience they had deserved far greater punishment than their present ills, had merited everlasting woe; nevertheless, the religion of Christ offered them the means of forgiveness, and a never ending communion with One whose love for them was bound . True Christian charity less then, reaches a higher plane than altruistic giving because, as far as it makes its influence felt, it ennoble and uplifts character, turning the eyes

What Has Been Done and What Left Undone.

from material things to spiritual, from

his world to the life beyond."-Sacred

Heart Review.

Last Sunday was celebrated the six tieth anniversary of the reign of Queen Victoria, the longest reign in English history, and one of the longest in the Many changes have taken place in the condition of women since the 20th of June, 1837, when Victoria, scarcely more than a child, was called to the throne of England. Though a conservative woman herself, and not quick to adopt new customs, nevertheless she must have witnessed with interest the rapid strides toward th ter education and congenial occupation of the working portion of her sex, and has even heard their voice in political issues, a condition of things quite un known at her accession. More par-ticularly from a Catholic standpoint is mentioned the breaking down of old religious bar-riers during this most remark able reign, which have nothing left of down them now but a few stray rails that will undergo a natural decay if they are not destroyed before that process complete. Victoria, as a woman, de serves the admiration of every one of her sex; and what a glory she would add to her name in history if before her death she were instrumental in bringing about the union of the churches so heartily desired by both Roman and Anglican Catholics. - Cath olic Columbian.

EXTEMPORANEOUS PRAYER.

A paragraph, from a contemporary, which appears in another column, calls attention to the subject of extemporaneous prayer in an incisive and pungent manner. It is a matter that has always occasioned a good deal of unfavorable comment, even among our Protestant friends, and it deserves all that has been said about it in the way of objection. This prayer is too often only an oration, delivered with closed eves, and it sometimes covers nearly as much ground, in the treatment of sub jects, as the editorial page of a daily or weekly paper. It is too often long winded, diffusive and inappropriate, and it presumes to impart imformation to the Heavenly Father, as if He were not all-knowing and all seeing. It even descends to the treatment of politics, and the ministerial petitioner indicates, if he does not directly ex press, his preference for this or that party, or for this or that public meas ure which is agitating the minds of legislators or rulers. Frequently he legislators or rulers. Frequently he appears assertive rather than pleading, as if he deemed it his duty to dic tate to Supreme Intelligence. His

petition takes on something of the haracter of a command, as he mouths out hollow platitudes that have become a byword on the street. He talks for effect, not to impress people with the goodness and greatness of the Creator, but to air his own views about certain topics that are hardly worthy of discussion in the pulpit, much less in an appeal for mercy

and protection. But the most offensive and unnecess ary prayer is the one not seldom heard at funeral services, and it is usually as untrue as the lines on many tomb stones. In it merits which the dead man never possessed are dwelt on to sound his praises, until even his former warmest friends are obliged to suppress a smile at the falsity of the eulogy. may be that the maker of the prayer is not correctly informed as to the habits of the deceased when living, but it is his plain duty to obtain correct inform ation and not be the medium for conveying untrue impressions.

up a man who has made millions by reprehensive methods as a model of al the virtues is to give young people a false view of the purpose for which they were placed in this world, to say noth ing of the encouragement it gives to others who are imitating the example of the departed in ways that are dis honest.

This man may have left large sums to public institutions in his will and this, so far as it goes, is good, but it does not prove that his life was pure and upright, and to attempt to make a saint out of a sinner, simply because he has disposed of money, for public pur poses, that he could no longer use him self, is clearly wrong. brate his benefactions but not his career, and the mention of these really should have no place in a prayer. know that our separated brethren are at some loss to know what to say in an extemporaneous prayer, for they do not pray for the dead, except in a few isolated cases, but it would be better for them to remain silent altogether than to indulge in praise that is wholly

undeserved. There is no particular benefit that we know of that can be derived from extemporaneous prayers, especially when they are uttered to please men. The prayers in existence embrace all the petitions that we need in asking for spiritual graces and temporal wants. Our Protestant friends still have the Lord's Prayer, the prayer of all Christians, and they may find other prayers ready to their hand to suit their wants for almost any occasion where blessings are to be asked or contrition is to be expressed. How much better a select ion from the matured reflections of the saints and fathers would be than the long drawn-out, hasty, undigested utterances of a man who is apparently more interested in worldly affairs than he is in eternal salvation.

At any rate, extemporaneous prayers, as we suggested in the beginning of this article, have fallen into disfavor even in many circles where they are allowed, because they drift so far away from the true purposes of prayer, and because they weary by their length and exaggerations.—Sacred Heart Review.

Anchored.

A young member of a religious order met a day or two ago the young pastor of a parish. Their chat drifted to the newly appointed Episcopalian minister of the suburban town in which the pastor resides.

"He is very High Church," said the priest; quiet a Ritualist, indeed, and makes the sign of the cross beauti

fully."
"Then I'll wager he's 'anchored,'

exclaimed the younger religious. "Anchored?" queried the pastor.
"Yes-married," answered the religious: "when a young Episcopalian clergyman shows symptoms of looking towards Rome his superiors hasten, as if in duty bound, to get him a wife, knowing that, first, with that impediment he will not be free to follow in he Catholic Church an ecclesiastical career to which his inclinations and education have turned him, and that, second, the wife is not likely to be so spiritually-minded as he is and that she is apt to be more afraid of Mrs. Grundy, and that therefore she will act as an anchor to hold him in heresy So well known is this that the term anchored 'is getting to have that new meaning among leaders of that denom

Poor young man, "anchored" to wife and to an ecclesiastical corpse!

A Parish Seventy Miles Square.

In distant Texas there is a parish eventy miles square. The settlemen of Aguiuilaries is its centre, and here is domiciled the pastor, Rev. M. Puig, a young Spanish priest. The parish is inhabited by 5,000 of the poorest class of Mexicans, or rather Indians. They are very ignorant but still Catholics Sometimes in order to visit a ranch or sick call the pastor has to ride on horse back as far as sixty miles a day. resources of the mission are insignificant, consisting of small fees for baptism : there are no collections, no pew rents, nor any other income, and the pastor is almost entirely dependent upon the charity of outsiders. It would a great charity to send him an intention or two, for which he could offer up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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A Queen Becomes a Nun.

Queen Adelaide, widow of the King Dom Migual I. of Portugal, pro-nounced her solemn vows in the Convent of Benedictines at Solesmes. Donna Adelaide, Princess of Lowen stein-Werttheim, entered the Convent Solesmes last year. She was born in 1831 at the Schloss of Klein-Heubach, and married the King of Portugal at the age of twenty one. By him she had seven children, the Infant Dom Migual, who bears the title of Duke of Braganza, and six daughters, all of whom are married to high reigning families of Europe. Two meces of Donna Adelaide were already in the Two nieces of Convent of Solesmes before she en-tered, Princess Marie and Princess Agnes, daughters of her brother, Prince Lewenstein. One of them died last year, killed by an accident in the

The Sin of Ingratitude.

The sin of ingratitude is a mon-trous sin. God destroyed thousands of Israelities in the wilderness on their ourney to the promised land on ac count of their continuous and persist. ent murmurings and complainings, though with a mighty hand He had led them out of Egypt, delivered them from their tormentors, and daily provided for all their wants. Let us be careful lest, by constant complaining and fretful fault finding, we, too, shall fall short of entering the rest provided for those who love the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ. Having food and raiment, het us learn therewith to be content, because, having brought nothing in with us, we can take nothing out with us.—Catholic Telegraph.

The Month of June.

It is enough to say that it is the month of the Sacred Heart. The devo-tion to the Sacred Heart was perhaps late in institution. But, as has been well said, it was not too late. It was the development of the excessiveness of the love of the Saviour for His Church at a period when love for Him and docility to His teachings were as to the one growing cold and as to the other becoming apathetic. In this month the splenders of the visions of the d Margaret Mary stand out before us. We ask, Who will not bow down and honor the Sacred Heart of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ? -Catholic Advocate.

"Boys, I can not pledge myself with you in wine," said a young man at a banquet, when urged by his companions to drink to the success of some per scheme, "and this is my reason for refusing: I once had an idolized mother whose temperance principles were of the strongest. Before she went into always abstain from the intoxicating cup, and the promise is as binding to day as when first given." The raised glasses were set down again, the wine untouched, for somehow that mother's influence extended beyond her boy, nd all present were touched by the words so impressively spoken. The mother's influence, beautiful and strong, reached out from the grave, and was a power in that gathering. It had not only moulded the young man's character, making him strong of purpose, but it set his friends to thinking, awaking them to a sense of their dutythe result, a glorious victory.

Learn to know the love of God in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the Book of Life, open to all, easy to be read. Take that Book of Life and read it, every page. It is written within and without with the pledges and the promises of God's personal love for ou. - Cardinal Manning.

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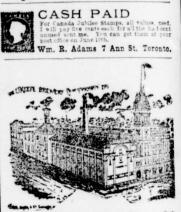


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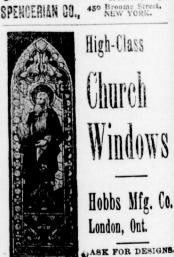


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