

The Wind From Slieve-Na-Mon.

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The gentle wind from Slieve-na-mon, how softly would it sing Across the verdant valleys at the opening of the Spring! How tenderly 'twould whisper of the summer coming on, The sighing wind, the singing wind that came from Slieve-na-mon, The gracious wind from Slieve-na-mon how kindly would it croon Across the silent meadows in the summer-stricken noon, What respite and relief it brought to every weary one, The kindly, cooling blessed wind that blew from Slieve-na-mon!

The Pope Through His Sisters' Eyes.

Writing in the "Ladies Home Journal" for March, Vance Thompson, evidently a non-Catholic, gives to us some charming views of his Holiness Pius X., as seen "Through His Sisters' Eyes." Theresa, the oldest sister, says: "He had just been ordained a priest a few days before. I remember he used to walk up and down the garden as he read his offices. Then mother used to sit with him in the evening, and he would read to her and she would listen. Sometimes, too, he had his books on a table in the garden; she would sit on a bench by the tree. We all heard him say his first Mass in the church—if mother were alive she could tell you. She sobbed at the time. They looked just alike then, but his hair was lighter. They were alone together almost all the time until he went away. Oh, if she had lived—but it is all the same to her—I forgot. She was as beautiful as the saints. Ask Parolin. He saw her die—at least the same day. We were all happy. He has made us all happy ever since that day. All of us. And now—" She drew the black shawl across her face and her thin hands touched her beads.

PIUS X. AND THE CHOLERA.

Another sister, Antoinette, tells how her brother fought the cholera. Antoinette said: "He was here at Salzano when he was very young. He was greatly loved. Our Bishop of Treviso called him an apostle of charity. It is written in the record of the church. Oh! the year of the cholera! Here in Salzano they will tell you what a hero he was. It was the year after I was married—1870. The cholera came to us from Venice and the fear was terrible. Every day more deaths by fives and tens and dozens. He did not sleep day or night. One evening he came and had not been in bed for three nights. That was when the cholera was at its worst. He looked like those who die. He ate some soup, but he would not lie down. Before he went away he asked me to send for him if the cholera came into our house. All day he went from house to house where they were ill, and every night to the trenches—for the dead were buried at midnight in a huge foss outside the town. One night—it was the night they buried eleven—the bells rang continuously. Not many people were in the streets because we were all afraid of each other. So I sent Luisa for him, for I thought I, too, was ill. He came and stood down in the street and called up to me at the window: 'Is it the disease?' I could not say so—it was not true. I said: 'I am sick with fear for you.' He looked up for a minute, then he laughed—he laughed like a boy—and he said: 'Tonetta! Tonetta!' and shook his hand at me and went away. I did not see him again until it was all over; then he was like a ghost of a man—a saint."

GIVES AWAY HIS SISTERS' DINNER.

Always as Antoinette speaks her eyes are shining, her hands flutter; "Ah, no wonder he is always poor! He gives, gives! Listen; what I tell you is true as the sun. It was when he was first chosen to the cure of Salzano. There was a debt of 16,000

lire (3,000) for restoring the church, left by his predecessor. He paid it all out of his own pocket. How? Ah he did not eat. He spent nothing for himself. A few vegetables or a dish of polenta (cornmeal)—that was his dinner. Listen, I will tell you—but this was when he was Bishop of Salzano! Every day he used to receive the poor, whoever would come, every day. He gave and gave—all his money and the very food from his table. Again and again he gave away his own dinner—a Bishop! Once a poor man dared not approach him until the very last—a very poor man, who was weeping. This povero uomo wanted something to make a broth for his sick wife. The Bishop had given everything away—even the food for his own dinner. He was greatly troubled. At last a thought came to him, and he smiled—oh, I know how he would smile. You see, Luisa was living in a little apartment nearby which he provided for her—be always provided for her. ("Yes," said Luisa.) So he told the poor man to wait, and he ran across to Luisa's rooms. She was out, but on the fire was a pot with a good piece of beef and good broth simmering for her dinner. He took it up and carried it down and all through the street—the Bishop!—and gave it to the poor man. And he laughed—how he laughed that sweet, kind laugh of his when he told us how Luisa lost her dinner." Angelo, the brother, said quaintly: "He lived at Mantua like the Prodigal Son!" It was a very Italian way of saying that his table was meagre and his diet plain as husks.

THE POPE'S WORD TO HIS SISTERS.

In Riese the Pope's niece, Amalia daughter of Theresa, was washing with a long-handled mop the brick floor of the inn hall. She is a good and simple girl. I praised the work to Theresa, standing by—she, too, making ready for the work. I said: "Signora Parolin, even among the sovereigns of the earth your brother is a great sovereign; and you—" In the gentle, homely dialect of her Venetian province she answered very beautifully: "May I change them from her peasant's poetry into plain English? Here, then: 'The Pope wants us to work, because he says that who will not work shall not eat. And this—now he has to think of the poor of all the world.'"

The Dismal Swamp.

The dismal swamp which extends from Norfolk in Virginia into North Carolina, is not a vast bog sunk low in the ground into which the drainage of the surrounding country flows. On the contrary, it is above the level-ground some fifteen or twenty feet as has been demonstrated by actual surveys. Instead of being a receptacle into which rivers and streams enter and flow, it is in reality an immense reservoir that, in its vast sponge-like bulk, gathers the waters that fall from the heavens and pours them into the five different rivers which flow onward to the sea. Any one would imagine that the "Dismal" was a veritable charnel house that spreads its miasms throughout the country. On the contrary, it is the healthiest place on the American continent of green timber. There is absolutely no decomposed wood; one sees trees lying all around in the forests and swamps. The two principal woods that grow in the place are the juniper and the cypress, which never rot. They fall prone on the ground like other trees, but instead of the wood decomposing it turns into peat, and being discolored by air and water remains for ages perfectly sound.

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Second Australasian Catholic Congress.

As briefly stated in our last issue, the second Australasian Catholic Congress has been fixed for October 23rd to October 30th of the present year. The date was fixed and other arrangements made at a representative meeting of the Catholic clergy and laity, which was held in the Archbishop's library, Melbourne, on December 22. The Archbishop of Melbourne presided at the gathering. In the course of a short address he said that, as next year would be the jubilee of the definition of the Immaculate Conception, it might be found desirable to make the Congress in some way special in connection with the dogma of the Church. The congress would not be particularly devoted to any class of subjects, but should be made as wide as possible, while avoiding too great proximity. He mentioned that at the first Congress held in September, 1900, it was decided that the next meeting should take place in Melbourne, and that the approaching completion of the Cathedral Hall should enable them to hold it at the time proposed under the most favorable circumstances. It would be the duty of the officials of the Congress to draw up at an early date a syllabus of subjects of Australasian interest, and this would be circulated, not only throughout the Commonwealth, but New Zealand and the various centres of learning of America and Europe, so that papers might be secured which would make the Congress interesting from an educational point of view, and of great personal value. On the suggestion of the Archbishop, the following officers were appointed: President of honor, Cardinal Moran; acting president, the Archbishop of Melbourne; vice-president, the Archbishops and Bishops of Australasia; hon. treasurer, Very Rev. Dean Phelan and Mr. Morsane; hon. general secretaries, Dr. A. L. Kenny, K. G. G., and Rev. J. McCarthy. It was also decided that the membership subscription should be the same as at the Sydney Congress, half a guinea, or with two ladies one guinea, members being entitled to attend the meetings of Congress, and to receive a memorial volume of the proceedings. Those present formed the provisional committee of Congress, with power to add to their numbers. It is intended to take early steps to bring the Congress under notice in the other States and New Zealand, and secretaries will be appointed in the different centres to forward the work, while later sectional secretaries to attend to the work of the Congress and reception and entertainment committees to look after the many visitors who are expected to attend the Congress will be appointed. His Grace gave a general invitation to those present to prepare papers for the Congress. In reply to Mr. W. H. Archer, K. S. G., His Grace said that an outline of suitable subjects would be found in the lists issued previous to the last Congress.—New Zealand Tablet.

Items of Interest.

The Montreal Knights of Clam-bus have donated \$1,000 to His Grace Mgr. Bruchesi, for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the Hospital for Incurables at Notre Dame de Grace.

The project has been conceived of establishing a school, under the name of the "Damien Institute," where boys destined to exercise the functions of the sacred ministry amongst the lepers of Malakasi are to be trained.

The Archbishop of Dublin in a letter to his clergy says he has appointed to the Holy see for one or two concessions which, if granted, would enable choirs to be formed in some churches in which, under the new legislation, if some such concession cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in future to depend altogether upon congregational singing.

In connection with the forthcoming celebrations commemorative of the golden jubilee of the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception, it is of interest to recall that the only surviving Bishop whose episcopacy goes back to 1854 is the venerable Archbishop of Hobart, who was at that date Bishop of Hyderabad.

Progress is being made with the project of building a basilica like that of Montmartre, to be served by the Oblates, on the hill over Brussels, called the Koelberg—a splendid situation with a rustic background. The Belgian Bishops will call for subscriptions for the work in their Lenten pastoral. The King of the Belgians has already subscribed \$4,000, and two leading statesmen have given a similar sum.

His Eminence Cardinal Logue has announced that the work of restoring the national Cathedral of St. Patrick at Armagh is nearly completed. The consecration has been fixed for the 24th of July. The Archbishop of Dublin has promised to sing the Mass of consecration, and the Archbishop of Tuam will preach. The Archbishop of New York, a distinguished son of the Archdiocese of

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DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

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MISCELLANEOUS.

A boy who swims may say he's wam; but milk is skimmed and seldom skum, and nails you trim, they are not trum. When words you speak, these words are spoken; but a nose is tweaked and can't be twoken, and what you seek is never soken. If we forget, then we've forgotten; but things we want are never wotten, and houses let cannot be lotten. The goods one sells are always sold; but fears dispelled are not dispold, and what you smoll is never smold. When young, a top you oft saw spun; but did you see a grin o'er grin or a potato neatly skun?

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